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AUTHORITIES FEAR FOR CIVILIANS

Nanking, Dec. 9.

The splutter of machine-guns and occasional burst of shell-fire were heard during the night as the main bodies of the advancing Japanese army drew closer to Nanking. The feverish work of preparation of the defences of the city for whatever may develop goes on rapidly, and there are indications that one of the most ferocious and decisive battles of the whole war may be fought here within the next few hours. Defence positions for the most part are completed.

The Chinese defenders have large stocks of ammunition and, what is as necessary, big supplies of rice. They are in a position to offer stout resistance, but whether they do more than that remains to be seen.

Looters are still being publicly shot and their bodies left on exhibition as a warning to others.

The Post Office is closed but the telephone service is still in operation inside the city.

The Japanese are busy moving up supplies, including siege guns, preparatory to storming the city if the defenders refuse to capitulate, as demanded.

Vanguards At Outer Wall

The Japanese vanguards are now in position at many points outside the outer or High Sea Wall, which is eighteen miles in circumference. Among the gates which they have approached is the Kwangshuamen, or the Gate of Glory.

An ominous air broods over the capital. All civilians have been ordered to move in to the so-called safety zone, which the Japanese still refuse to recognise and there is a possibility of a frightful holocaust if the battle spreads into and through the city proper. This causes the authorities much concern. Actually all Nanking is declared to be a war zone.

Burning All Cover

In order to deprive the Japanese of all cover, the Chinese are setting fire to many of the buildings around the capital and many beautiful homes in Sun Yat-sen Park have gone up in flames. During the night the fires lit the sky.

Much sporadic fighting is taking place in the hills between the retreating Chinese and the steadily advancing Japanese, but the real battle for Nanking has not yet begun.

Foreigners Take Precautions

Last night, as a precautionary measure, the remaining members of the British, American and German Embassy staffs slept aboard ships in the river. However, they intend to go ashore every day as long as the situation permits.

H.M.S. Scorpion and H.M.S. Cricket are gone a short distance up the river and are now moored alongside the Ewo hulk.

There are very few foreigners remaining ashore, and most of them are connected with hospitals or the so-called safety zone.

Continuing Peace Efforts

Fighting was going on last night in the hills surrounding Nanking. The Japanese are trying to drive spearhead attacks towards the outer city wall.

The Chinese continue to burn beautiful new residences between the inner and outer walls in order to deprive the Japanese of cover.

In the meantime the Chinese press reports that the German Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, is continuing his mediating efforts and there are many indications that Chinese leaders are anxious to talk peace.—Reuter.

Heavy Fighting Starts

Nanking, Dec. 9.
Heavy fighting is raging around Nanking, 12,000 men outside (Continued on Page 4.)

Shanghai Volunteers To Fight Crime

NEW EMERGENCY SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION

ARMED ROBBERIES OCCUR
WITH GREAT FREQUENCY
INSIDE SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

As a means of assisting the Shanghai Municipal police in suppressing the crime wave in the International Settlement, a plan has now been worked out which will call for the partial mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

An official announcement of the plan has not yet been made, but enquiry among Volunteer and Municipal officials brought forth the information that such a plan is now being considered, and may be put into effect within a few days.

Asks Funds For Noble Enterprise

Dr. R. C. Robertson Of
Shanghai Praises
Hospital Work

London, Dec. 8.
Dr. R. C. Robertson, a Shanghai doctor who arrived in London to-day, intends to fly back to China after Christmas to take charge of the British anti-epidemic unit.

Referring to his obituary notice published after a false report of his death, Dr. Robertson said, with a chuckle: "It is not so nice as I thought it would be. Perhaps next time it would be better to prepare it one's self in advance."

Dr. Robertson is trying to enlist help for the Lord Mayor's Fund for China. He emphasised that what they were able to do now only touched the fringe of a terrible problem. He said the missions hospitals were performing noble work and their history should be written in letters of gold.—Reuter.

Denies Poison Gas Sent To China's Order

London, Dec. 8.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. V. M. (Lab.) asked whether the Board of Trade was aware that in a Japanese news service distributed to members of the House, it was alleged that twelve tons of phosgene gas were shipped from England to China.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, replied that no phosgene gas had been exported from the United Kingdom since the beginning of the year with the exception of three tons consigned to dye works in Holland.

Another Member said this particular news service was addressed from Paris.—Reuter.

Life Sentence On Arab Is Confirmed

Jerusalem, Dec. 8.
Major-General Archibald Wavell, commanding the British forces in Palestine, has confirmed the conviction passed on an Arab father and his son by the military court at Nazareth for carrying arms.

The son's sentence of life imprisonment has been confirmed, but the father's sentence has been reduced from life to one year. It is believed this consideration is due to his age.—Reuter.

UNLOADING OF SILVER UNLIKELY

First Such Move
By China Would
Shatter Market

London, Dec. 8.
A report published in one of this morning's papers that Chinese silver is being refined in London on behalf of the United States Treasury is categorically denied by the refiners, who informed Reuter that the refining is being done on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Bullion dealers have no fear that the silver refined in London will be thrown on to the London market as the Chinese Government is bound by the silver agreement with the United States to offer all available silver first to the United States, who is continuing to buy.

There is no possibility of Chinese silver being unloaded in London even in the event of the United States stopping purchase as the first ounce of Chinese silver appearing on the market would cause a rout.

Concerning the reason prompting the Chinese Government to prefer to have the silver refined in London, it is conjectured that this course has been adopted in order to facilitate advances to the Chinese Government by British banks, and also that it is easier and cheaper to store bars than coin and broken silver.—Reuter.

Yugo-Slavia Buys Arms From Italy

Rome, Dec. 8.

Dr. Milan Stojadinovich, Yugo-Slavian Prime Minister, Count Ciano, Foreign Minister, Signor Dino Alfieri, Italian Minister for Propaganda, left for Milan to inspect the Italian aeroplane and armament factories.

It is believed Yugo-Slavia is buying arms and aeroplane from Italy because of a favourable trade balance with Italy.—Reuter's Special.

STEAMER SINKS IN RED SEA

London, Dec. 8.

A British steamer sank at the entrance to the Red Sea en route to the United States with a cargo of ore from Calcutta.

The crew was taken off by an Italian steamer.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN PAPER BOMBED

Third Incident Of
Shanghai Terrorism

Early Attempts
Frustrated

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The outer office of the Russian Daily News, a pro-Soviet newspaper published in the French Concession, was damaged last night when an unidentified miscreant, who drove up in a black sedan, left a bomb on the window-ledge and hurriedly drove off.

The bomb exploded with a loud detonation, shattered the plate glass window and damaged the furniture. There were no casualties as nobody was in the outer office, although Mr. Chilkina, the editor and publisher, was on the second floor together with 20 Chinese workmen and Russian reporters.

Later Mr. Chilkina stated that the entire building shook from the explosion and the occupants were frightened.

The incident is probably connected with similar happenings when bombs were deposited a few days ago at the Soviet Club and the Soviet Trade Office, but both were discovered before they had time to explode.—Reuter.

ATTLEE FACES CENSURE VOTE IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 8.

Mr. Clement Attlee, who with Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Noel Baker, leaves Barcelona to-day for England, will face a censure motion in the House of Commons, tabled by a Conservative M.P. on the grounds that he announced he will convene a meeting in London to inform the people about the facts of the situation in "Unbeaten, Invincible Republican Spain".—Reuter.

ATTLEE DEFENDED

Barcelona, Dec. 8.
Miss Ellen Wilkinson in an interview, repudiated the suggestion that Mr. Clement Attlee had said or done anything which might be interpreted as a breach of faith. She said that the meeting mentioned in the proposed motion of censure was arranged six weeks ago.—Reuter.

According to the reported plan, one battalion of Volunteers numbering about 300 men will be called on duty nightly from 6.20 p.m. to midnight. It is explained that the only reason for the move is to use the Volunteers to help the police bring an end to the crime wave which is at present sweeping the Settlement.

Armed robberies have increased to such an extent that from three to four occur daily.—Reuter.

SPY FEVER RAGES IN YAMCHOW

But Otherwise Area
Lives In Peace
And Plenty

Yamchow, Kwangtung, Dec. 1.
On information from Canton, two men, itinerant medicine sellers, were arrested in Fong Shing, near here, under suspicion of being spies for the Japanese. They were brought here yesterday and lodged in the local Yamen and will be sent to Canton for trial at once.

There is quite a scare about spies in these parts just now, and no chance are being taken. Recently a collector of one of the missions fell under suspicion and was searched. A small bottle of medicine was found on him. He was sent at once to the Yamen in Yamchow for trial as a Japanese spy. A bit of the drug in the bottle was given to a chicken, which immediately died, so the case was thought to be positive against the man.

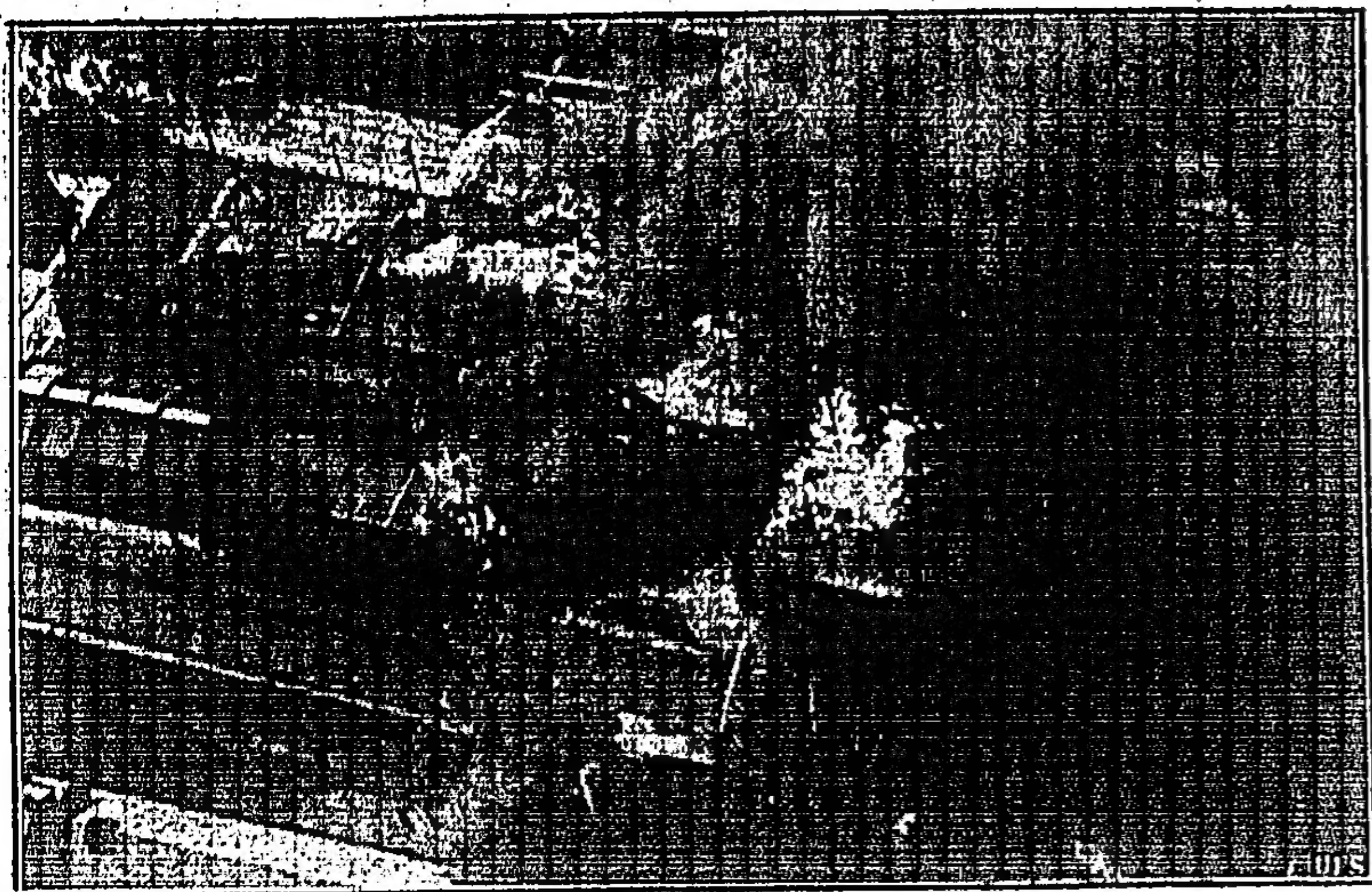
He was let go only after the mission concerned assured the local officials that the man was innocent and in no way implicated in spying activities.

A big mass meeting was held here late in November for the purpose of tightening the anti-Japanese boycott. Effective methods were evolved to prevent anything produced in Japan reaching this city. The students of the higher schools are largely behind the movement.

There is plenty of rice in these parts, as a bountiful crop was harvested. None is allowed to be exported, therefore rice is cheap. Prices of all foodstuffs are very low in this city and district, and there is plenty of everything.

There is no alarm nor fear here. Since a lone Japanese plane flew over here a month ago, and somewhat excited the people, no further visits have been made. The country is quiet and peaceful. All young able-bodied men are required to be registered for war service and troops are being sent up toward Canton, on the way to the front, it is said.—Special Correspondent.

AUTHORESS SAYS WESLEY'S WORK "DRUGGED" THE ILLITERATE



TEACHES HUSBAND TO READ

Twenty-six-years-old Jim Hammond can neither read nor write, and his pretty 23-years-old Welsh wife, Tid, is giving him lessons.

Every night in a little room in Maple-street—just off Tottenham Court-road, London—they sit side-by-side at a table littered with school exercise books.

Heads close together, the young wife—pencil in hand—slowly and carefully forms different letters of the alphabet as her husband repeats and copies the letters a dozen times or more.

"My husband is really very clever,"

Girl, 16, Is Printer

Francine Fiske, the 16-year-old daughter of Frank B. Fiske, publisher of the Fort Yates Pioneer-Arrow, became one of the nation's youngest printers when she replaced the regular printer in her father's shop, while the printer went on a vacation.

It's a shame he never learned to read or write," Mrs. Hammond said. "Doon't our little girl of three, sits and watches us. She will probably learn to write before her father does. Jim looked up shyly from his blue copy-book, and said: 'I suppose it's never too late to learn.'"

"Did I go to school? Oh, yes—now and again—to a church school, until I was 13, but I was often on the sick list."

Blind Golfer Scores 79

Captain Gerald Lowry, famous blind sportsman, returned a score of 79 in a game at Mersea Island (Essex) Golf club. The length of the course is 6,352 yards, and the bogey is 75. His valet placed the ball, told him where to stand and the distance of the ball from each green.

More than 150 girl employees were believed trapped in this fire, at the S. B. Penick botanical drug manufacturing plant in Weehawken, N. J., until it was recalled the day was a Jewish holiday and many of them had not gone to work. Flames swept the plant, injuring 15 and causing 600 children in a school 50 feet away to be imperiled.

Hen Lays "Siamese Eggs"

New London, Conn. Louis Lombardi's hen has laid three "Siamese" eggs in three weeks. Lombardi says the laying of one such egg, although unusual is not rare, but when the same hen lays three eggs, equal to a half-dozen within three weeks, "that's different."

Pheasant Enters House

Newburgh, N.Y. A pheasant was an unexpected guest of Miss Mary McEvoy at her home here. The bird flew through a front room window, and fluttered about in ground floor and second floor rooms before escaping through an open bath room window.

"UNTOLD HARM TO CHILDREN"

Revivalism Blamed For Wave Of Hysteria

(By A Special Correspondent)

Methodists will be shocked to read—in a new biography of John Wesley, "Wrestling Jacob," by novelist and historian Marjorie Bowen—that "it seems doubtful whether the good that Wesley's movement had done in the country balanced the evil caused by the wave of mingled hysteria and imposture."

The book, published recently, is a detailed account of the great preacher's life.

But wherever the authoress expresses any opinions on Wesley's work, she is scathingly critical, accusing him of playing on the fears of semi-idiot and having a bad influence on children.

She writes: "John Wesley took advantage of that religious emotion he was able to rouse in the wretched and ignorant to implant some terrible falsehoods in their shivering hearts; the most dreadful of these was Hell."

"It was no wonder that illiterate peasants and semi-idiotic slum-dwellers fell roaring to the ground, screaming, 'I will be good,' like a child threatened with a stick, and that even the half-educated, especially if also half-drunk, should be overcome with fear and trembling."

BANNED JOY

"Without humour, though not without a dry wit, John Wesley discouraged joy, pleasure, all gay and loving things; those who could find their happiness in striving after Heaven might remain miserable."

"His school system did not allow a second for play, and very few for exercise or repose; there was not a child who came in contact with eighteenth-century Methodism who must not have been the worse for it."

"From John Wesley's teaching, which spread from his own organisation to those of the Church of England and the Dissenting bodies, grew that form of religion which was to overwhelm the country for nearly 100 years, which was to produce the typical middle-class Victorian and the English Sunday."

"STUNNED THE POOR"

In a foreword, while declaring that Wesley helped to stabilise the social life of the times, the authoress writes: "It has been estimated that in the period during which John Wesley worked nearly half the population were paupers; it was these unemployed, outcasts, and criminals, to whom the great evangelist appealed, giving them religion as a crumb and a comfort; he is now placed with J. J. Rousseau and Samuel Richardson as one of the great forces that moved the emphasis from the head to the heart, from rationalism to emotionalism."

"Whether it was for good or evil that John Wesley so drugged the stunned illiterate poor with his preaching of Hell fire, a sentimental 'love of God,' and his doctrine of a life lived according to rigid rules as the only means of salvation, may be a matter of dispute."

THE PROBLEM

"Whether he wrought harmfully or beneficially in fastening the clumps of a terrible superstition on the minds of the ignorant and impressionable people, whether his emphasis on self-denial, on austerity, on gloom, on an absorption in the idea of a vengeful God, was to the good or the evil of the national character, must be left in open debate, or referred to the historians who have so carefully and lucidly examined and expounded these matters."

Most of the book, however, is not concerned with this kind of criticism. "Wrestling Jacob" is published by Heinemann at 15s.

Last night I questioned leading Methodists on their opinions of the views expressed in the book.

Sir Josiah Stamp said: "It's all such old stuff, I'm surprised it has been trotted out again."

Sir Harold Bellman said: "The character and reputation of John Wesley are safe against such attacks."

South Africa Lacks Butter

Pretoria, South Africa. The export of butter to England is considered to be one of the reasons for the serious butter shortage which is being experienced throughout South Africa. More than two-thirds of the Union's production is exported to England.

Britain Buys More In Italy

Great Britain is selling less to Italy than Italy sells to her. This occurred for the first time in 1936, and all indications are that this trend will continue for the whole of 1937.

NORMA'S HUSBAND LEFT £893,000

Hollywood.

The estate of Mr. Irving Thalberg, who died last year and who left the bulk of his fortune to his wife, Miss Norma Shearer, has been proved at £893,802 gross and £448,800 net. This is half of what film circles anticipated.

There are three trust funds on behalf of Miss Norma Shearer and her children, Irving and Katharine (who receive £120,000 each).

Mr. Thalberg left £73,200 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thalberg, his sister, uncle, and aunt. Irving Thalberg rose in a few years from being a £3 a week typist to the most highly-paid and successful producer in Hollywood. He died suddenly at the height of his fame, and since then Miss Shearer has been living in retirement.

Soviet Has Women Judges

Moscow. Thousands of women now work in the organs of justice in the U.S.S.R. Of these 913 are elected people's judges, 60—members of republican supreme courts, 124—members of regional and territorial courts, 100—procurators. There are many women also among examining magistrates.



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Manslaughter Finding In Death Probe

Jury Blames Chinese Detective

European Officer Criticised

A verdict holding a Chinese detective responsible in a coolie's death and describing the conduct of a European Sub-Inspector as highly reprehensible was returned at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday by the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Chan Sun, 48.

According to evidence at previous hearings, Chan was stated to have been assaulted in the Shamshuipo Police Station while being questioned in connection with the larceny of a sewing machine on August 31. Brought to the station at 5.30 p.m., he was found later in the evening in a collapsed condition at the steps of the main door and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The jury also viewed with the gravest concern that, but for the almost accidental fact of the special order in relation to the cholera epidemic, the cause of Chan's death would never have been revealed.

Mr. Keen as Coroner and the jury comprised Messrs. John Revie (Foreman), William Law, and A. F. dos Remedios. Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, and Mr. R. H. E. Marks, A.S.P., watched the proceedings on behalf of the Police. While agreeing with the jury the Coroner expressed the opinion that a verdict of manslaughter against person or persons unknown was more suitable.

INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE

The only witness yesterday was Sub-Inspector W. Hynes. He said that at 5.30 p.m. on August 31 District Watchman 38 brought Chan to be questioned in connection with the larceny of the sewing machine and he told Detective C454 to take the party to the detectives' office for further inquiries. He told Sergeant Nolan to take charge of the inquiries.

At 7 p.m. Sergeant Nolan told him that Chan could not be connected with the alleged crime and would be released. Two hours later Chan left in the direction of the main door.

"About four or five minutes later," continued S. I. Hynes, C454 pointed to the steps of the station where I saw Chan lying on the ground with his legs partly on the footpath and partly on the steps. C454 said Chan was suffering from pain in the stomach, suspected to have been caused by opium. I ordered an ambulance and asked the interpreter to put the man's name in the sick and destitute book. Chan was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital."

Sub-Inspector Hynes then went on to say that on September 2 he received a telephone message from the doctor in charge of the Mortuary that Chan had died from a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

Questioned by Mr. Whyatt, S. I. Hynes said that if he knew then that Chan was married and had a fixed abode he would not have sent him to the Hospital. When the District Watchman brought Chan to the charge-room he made an accusation against him and his (witness's) object then was to ascertain whether there was any foundation in it.

NOTHING IN BOOK

Mr. Whyatt: Did you enter the matter in the rough book?—No. I was busy at the time.

How long do you take to make such an entry?—Say three minutes. So at 5.30 p.m. you were too busy to spare three minutes?—Yes. The

charge room was crowded at the time. What was the earliest time after 5.30 p.m. when you were not busy?—About 7 p.m., but I did not make an entry then as I did not think of it.

Why was that?—It was an oversight on my part.

S. I. Hynes admitted he knew there was more than one person implicated in the larceny. The first time he heard of this was about September 4 or 5. Before that Sergeant Nolan mentioned only Chan and nothing about Wong Lap, the other man implicated. Sergeant Nolan spoke to him about 5.30 p.m. and Chan was brought to the charge room about two and a half hours later. During that interval he would have gone down to the detectives' office to find out why Chan had not yet been brought up, if he had not been busy with other things. He did not see Wong when Chan left the station, and he knew nothing of him then.

DESCRIPTION VARIED

His description to Mr. Marks on September 22 that Chan's body was three feet inside the station was wrong. What he had just said was correct, as his recollection was better now than on September 22 because he had discussed the matter with several people. He realised the significance of the difference in the description: if what he had told Mr. Marks was correct, Chan would not have been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, as it would have been a Police case.

Mr. Whyatt: Did you take any steps to ascertain whether Chan had a wife or relatives after you had sent him to hospital?—No, because it was entirely up to the detectives to make these enquiries.

But surely it was your responsibility when you sent him to that hospital?—I took it for granted that he was not married when I was informed he had no fixed abode.

It is an unusual thing to let the matter slide, isn't it?—Yes.

S. I. Hynes said it was an invariable practice of the Kowloon Hospital to hold a post-mortem examination of any one who died there. In the Kwong Wah Hospital this was not the normal practice, but during the cholera epidemic a special order was made to have post-mortem examination of every dead person there.

DEATH FROM VIOLENCE

In his summing-up, Mr. Keen said that according to the doctor, a spleen could be ruptured by a slight blow, but violence was necessary to cause the ribs to be broken. Therefore, death must have been caused by violence.

In an inquiry of this kind, there were three alternate verdicts, natural death, accidental or manslaughter. Judging from the medical evidence, the first two could be ruled out, and therefore manslaughter was the only possible verdict.

Witnesses fell into three groups the uninterested ones such as the doctor and ambulance workers, District Watchman 38 and the complainant and Chinese and European Police officers. Being uninterested, the first group need not be taken into consideration, but the evidence given by the other two was more or less contradictory. It was for the jury to decide which one of these two groups was responsible for the manslaughter.

JURY'S FINDINGS

The jury retired for about 15 minutes and returned the following findings:

We find C454 guilty of manslaughter.

We consider a deliberate attempt was made to conceal what actually occurred and that the conduct of Sub-Inspector Hynes is highly reprehensible; and

We view with the gravest concern that, but for the almost accidental fact of the special order in relation to the cholera epidemic, the cause of Chan Sun's death would never have been revealed. We respectfully suggest that an order be made to make it impossible for a body to be buried without the cause of death being first ascertained and certified.

The Coroner: I agree with all the jury has said, with the exception that I consider manslaughter against person or persons unknown more suitable.

Detective C454 was brought to the Court and told of the jury's findings.

AMERICAN TENSION

Relations With Japan May Be Strained

Washington, Dec. 8.

It is expected that Japanese and American relations will become worse as a result of the imminent Japanese capture of Nanking. The majority believe that following occupation of the city the Japanese will distribute feelers for an armistice when Japan will negotiate in the role of a conqueror.

Officials anticipate the real strain in Japanese and American relations will come when Japan attempts to consolidate her conquest into trade and economic advantages. It is indicated that they will protest vigorously against any Japanese attempt to close the "open door" and have drawn the attention of Mr. Cordell Hull, who has acted with his usual promptness by cabling the Consuls for full and exact information and reports indicating that the Japanese propose to assume control of the Customs and reduce duties on a long list of Japanese products.

Officials decline to indicate or guess the length to which the United States may proceed in the event of any Japanese attempt to close the "open door." However, Mr. Hull has said that if necessary the United States must and will fight for its treaty rights.

While committed to a policy of peace, he frankly confesses that it is a policy demanding the respect of all nations.—United Press.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

London Comments On Nanking's Plight

London, Dec. 8.

Nanking's tragic position excites the wildest sympathy and many normally uninterested in the Far East commiserate with the "poor Chinese."

The effect of Chiang Kai-shek's departure is much canvassed. Admirers for the gallant Chinese effort do not prevent a general feeling that China will get better terms by making peace now than by prolonged resistance.

The Times says that Chiang Kai-shek is always a dour man and now he is desperate. It stressed a thousand difficulties and expenses for Japan in consolidating the occupied territory, and her long term prospects in China are not reassuring. The Daily Mail expects the fall of Nanking to bring a favourable opportunity for making peace.

A warning is given by the News Chronicle against Japan being allowed to borrow abroad to finance capital development in China. Papers in Paris, nervously canvass the results of a Japanese victory. Some warn Japan of the dangers of war attrition.—Reuter.

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PILOT AND CHILD DIE IN CRASH

Strange Tragedy Of Texas Flight

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.

An Army aeroplane, apparently seeking the Austin airport in a fog, crashed into the rear portion of the home of Rev. L. J. Herrington, smashing that part of the building, but without injuring any of the seven occupants of the house.

The plane then smashed into the back part of an adjoining house belonging to Mr. Albright, killing Leonard S. Albright, his two-year-old son. Mr. Albright is a tutor of the University of Texas.

The child was sleeping at the time, with his elder brother, Spencer S. Albright, who was cut about the face.

The pilot was killed. He has been tentatively identified as Capt. F. A. Avelino, a Mexican Army officer and student of Kelly Field.

Debris of the plane and both houses were tangled and it required more than an hour to reach and cut the plane's metal to extricate the mangled pilot.—United Press.

YUNNAN TO HANOI

Eurasia Opens New Line For Weekly Service.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Following a successful test flight, the Eurasia Aviation Corporation formally inaugurated the Yunnan-Hanoi line on December 4. One round trip will be made weekly.

Arrangements are also being made to link the service with other lines of the Corporation. When these are complete the planes will take off from Hankow for Yunnan, via Sian and Chengtu, on Wednesdays and leave Yunnan for Hanoi on Thursdays. The same day they will fly back to Yunnan from Hanoi, resuming the trip on Fridays to Sian and Hankow.—Reuter.

BUILT BY STUDENTS

Three Machines Planned For Aeronautical College

London, Dec. 8.

Students of the College of Aeronautical Engineering are about to undertake construction of three light aeroplanes. One is to be built to a special design for the Air League of the British Empire. In another case a well-known designer has asked the College to build a new type of light aircraft for him. The third machine will be that chosen in competition for a £100 prize arranged by the College to evoke the best possible design of light aeroplane.

The competition is open to all and has attracted entries from places as far apart as Holland, California, Canada, and South Africa.—British Wireless.

PHILIPPINES FEARS

Only One of Two Missing Planes Discovered

Manila, Dec. 8.

One of the two aeroplanes which set off from Cebu for Manila yesterday has been located. It made a forced landing and was slightly damaged, but the occupants are safe. There is no news of the other plane, which was carrying Major-General Santos, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, and Lieut. William Lee, of the United States Army. Grave fears are felt for the occupants.—Reuter Bulletin.

Big Search Planned

Manila, Dec. 8.

Five United States army bombers will be used on Thursday at a cruising range permitting a comprehensive search of Tayabas and Sierra Madre mountain wilderness, in former bandit country, which is virtually impenetrable and where the fliers will conceivably live undiscovered for weeks.

An organised army of civilians will cover hundreds of square miles in the two provinces and Polillo Islands in the most extensive search in local history. It is feared by some that the plane in which Major-General Santos was travelling sank in the Eastern Luzon coast.—United Press.

EURASIA PLANE

Yesterday's Arrivals By Air from Hankow

The following passengers arrived from Hankow yesterday by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation plane: G. S. Chang, S. P. Choi, Ma Lic-hsiang, Ma Ru-yao, Ma Hien-mate, Mrs. Ma Deer See-yock, Y. H. More, T. C. Yoo, Hung Chan-chien, Ma Bow-sin, Mrs. K. F. Chun, S. F. Ngok, Y. T. Ho, M. W. Wong, Charlotte Mary MacEwan, John R. MacEwan, C. S. Wong, Chi Ting-mao.

BANGKOK SERVICE

Statement By Eden In House of Commons

London, Dec. 8.

Questions based on the assumption that Imperial Airways failed in its efforts to establish the Bangkok-Hongkong air service agreeably proved it was not based on fact when Mr. Anthony Eden in the Commons to-day expressed gratification in announcing that the British representative in Bangkok had reached a formal agreement with the Siamese Government on December 3 under which the service from Bangkok will be inaugurated on December 19. Notes exchanged will be tabled in due course.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST

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(Sarasate)... Yehudi Menuhin accom. by Marcel Gazelle (Piano).

10.15 London Relay—Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes Edith Gunthorpe and Cecil Baumer. Minuet and Scherzo (Arensky); Passapied (Vulliamini); Si oleau l'elais (Hensell); Feu roulant (Duvernoy); South of the Rio Grande (Jacques Miller).

10.35 Light Orchestral. 'Aida'—Ballet Suite (Verdi)... Boston Promenade Orchestra Cond. Arthur Fiedler; Serenade (Warlock)... The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond. Constant Lambert; 'Capricci' Suite (Warlock); (a) Basses; (b) Pianos; (c) Tardion; (d) Bransles; (e) Pleds-en-l'air; (f) Mattheus... The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond. Constant Lambert.

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DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.30 a.m. The BBC Military Band. 8.30 a.m. 'Empire Exchange'. 9.30 a.m. 'The People Dance'. 10.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m. 9 a.m. Big Ben. 'Wheel' at 9 a.m. programme by Jonquil Anthony. Production by Pascoe Thornton. 10 a.m. Big Ben. 'Food for Thought'. 10.30 a.m. Light Classical Programme. 11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 'Songs we used to Sing'. 11.50 a.m. 'Getting Ready for Christmas'. 12.15 p.m. Big Ben. Jack Payne with his Band. 1.45 p.m. 'Food for Thought'. 2.30 p.m. The Chamber Music of Schubert.

3.15 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 3.45 p.m. 3.55 p.m. 'Wheel'. 4.45 p.m. Big Ben. The BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra. 7.30 p.m. Sportsman Talking: Harold Abrahamson on the Empire Games of 1938. 7.45 p.m. The BBC Military Band. 8.30 p.m. 'At the Black Dog'. 9 a.m. Ballet Music of Debussy. 9.10 p.m. 'Food for Thought'. 9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. Big Ben. Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes. 10.35 p.m. 'The Goddess Fortunes'.

11.15 p.m. The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines (Plymouth Division). 12 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m. 12.30 a.m. 'As I See It'. 1.15 a.m. 'The Black Dog'. 1.30 a.m. 'Short Piano'. Recital by Joyce McGowan. 2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m. 2.25 a.m. Musical Interlude. 2.30 a.m. 'Music in African Life'. A series of four talks: (1) 'Which Doctors and Music?' by Percival H. Kirby. 2.40 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra. 3.40 a.m. 'Life in Lapland'. An impression in sound and music. 4 a.m. 'Music from the Movies'. 4.45 a.m. Interval. 5 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.15 a.m. 5.25 a.m. 'Long-distance Listening'. 5.30 a.m. 'Memories of Queen Victoria'. 5.45 a.m. Midweek Service from St. Michael's, Chester Square, London. 6.20 a.m. The BBC Theatre Orchestra.

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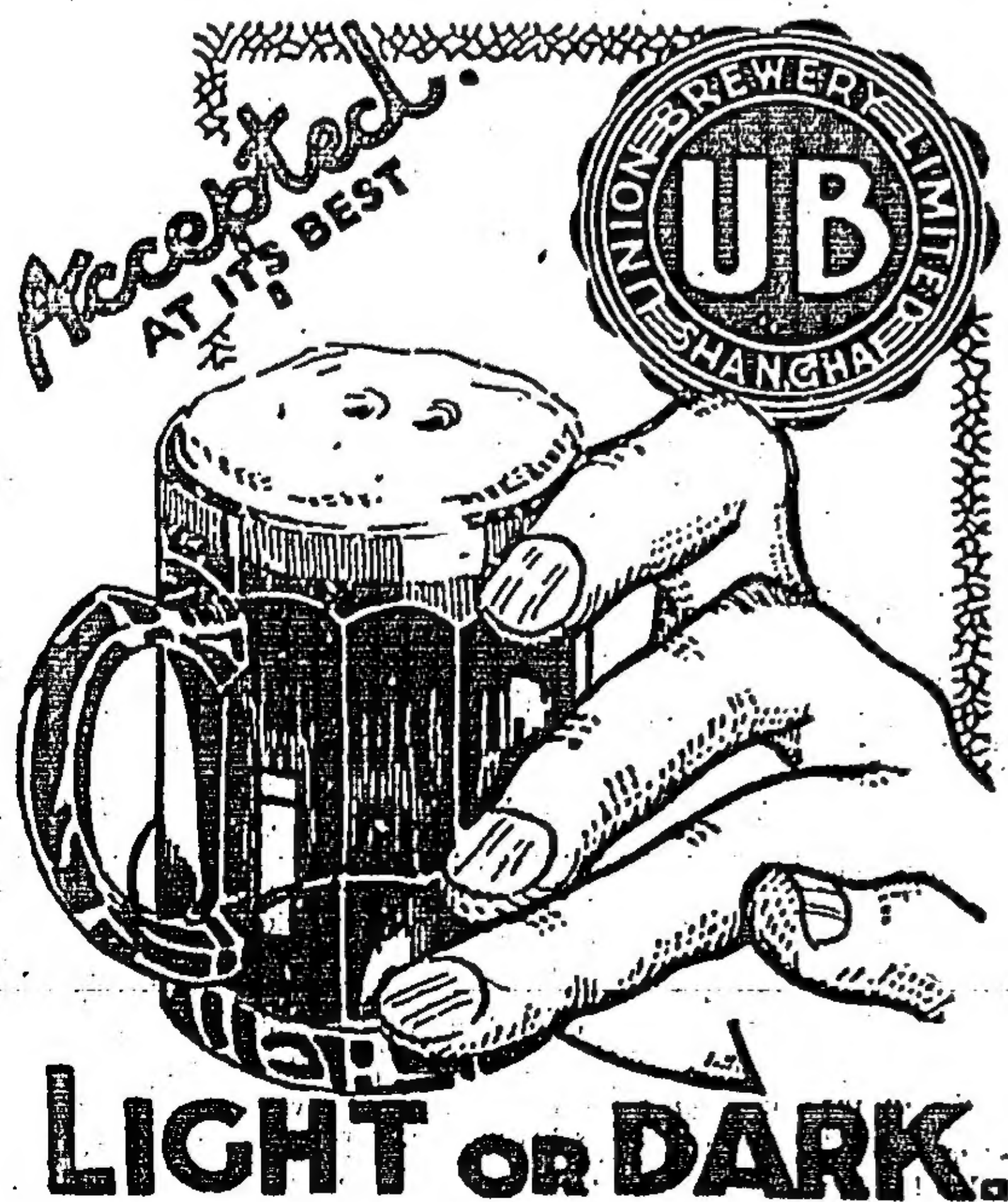


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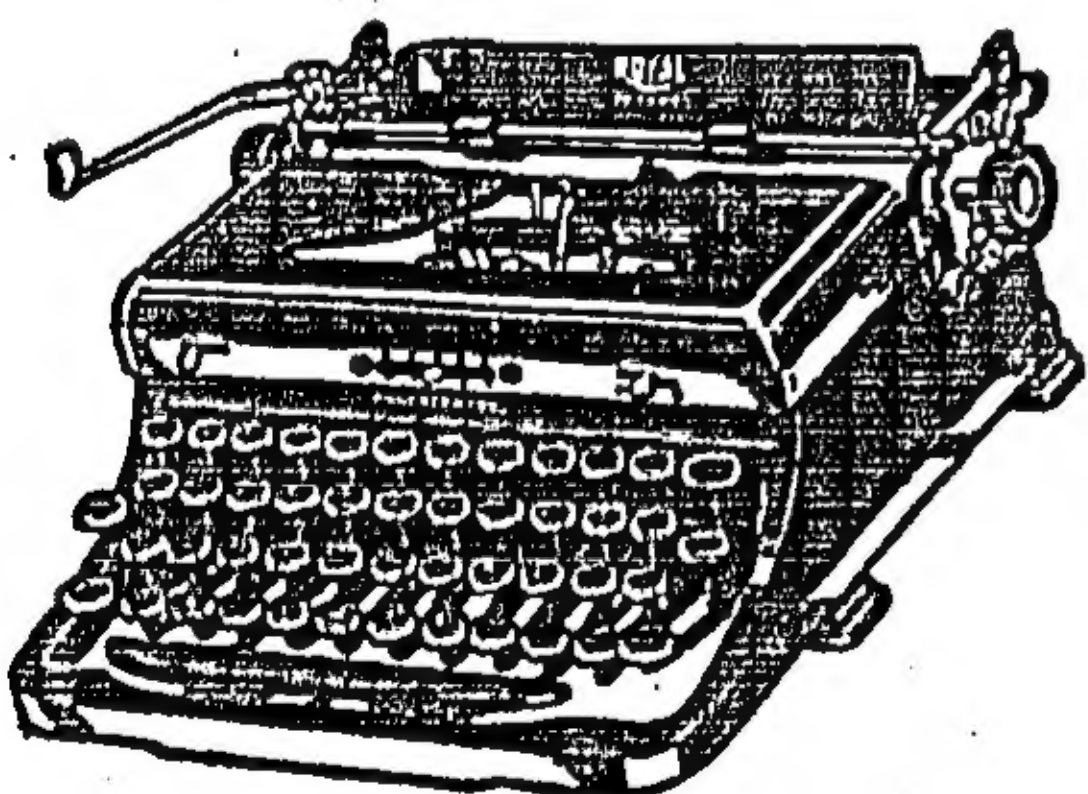
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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Whether China fights or sur-
renders, her future is not
exactly bright. She is faced
with unpleasant choices of con-
duct. For the moment the deci-
sion rests with Marshal Chiang
Kai-shek, but the responsibility
may change hands, if rumours
from the North mean anything.
Whether Marshal Chiang goes or
stays, may make no difference
to the issue of peace or war.
There are still men of spirit in
the Central Government, but it
is certain that the retirement
of the Generalissimo would
make the prospect of successful
peace negotiations considerably
brighter. It is very likely that
any terms which Japan may
offer will include the demand for
the Marshal's resignation, and
compliance in this one thing
would possibly gain China a
better bargain in surrender.

Unpleasant as it is, surrender
is the only word applicable.
Peace will be on Japan's terms.
They are bound to be severe.
Will China accept them?

The situation forbids predic-
tions. If the war is to continue
it is probable that Japan will
make a formal declaration of
hostilities, declare the Central
Government outlawed and pro-
ceed to set up a puppet regime
at Nanking just as has been
done in Manchukuo and, on a
smaller scale, in Shanghai. The
next development would prob-
ably be the occupation of sea-
ports, Canton included. This
would entail a struggle, an
enormous expenditure of men
and money, and a scattering of
Japan's resources over a vast
front. It is inevitable that the
coast cities would be doomed.
The Japanese Navy is in a posi-
tion to shell them almost at will
and could thus subdue resist-
ance. With the coast-line
patrolled the pressure which
Japan could apply would be
enormous and her hand would
be greatly strengthened when
it came to negotiating peace.
But even the complete severance
of China's communications by
sea would not mean the defeat
of that country. The back door
would still be open and aid, even
if it takes the form of nothing
more substantial than munitions
and aircraft, would be
available from Russia. So the
situation is not hopeless from
the point of view of the Chinese
who wish to continue the
struggle.

But argument for peace is
strong. It can be said without
much fear of contradiction that
in a matter of months Japan
will have gone far enough in
her campaign against China to
commence to consolidate herself
in conquered territory. As long
as there is a Chinese army re-
sisting her and the advantage is

on her side, there will be no
possibility of the invaded areas
returning to Chinese adminis-
tration. They may be lost to
China in any event, of course,
but there is a chance that much
of the land now occupied could
be regained under a peace
treaty. Then there is the ques-
tion of China's economic posi-
tion. How long can the country
buy arms to resist if Japan
holds her seaports? Would
Russia finance her campaign?
Are foreign powers prepared to
extend unlimited credit when
the prospect of repayment is
very uncertain? It seems that
the answer must be negative in
every case. What will China
gain by continuing the war?
Self-respect and the admiration,
or perhaps pity, of other nations
are difficult things to value. She
may, it is true, win more than
moral support from some other
power or group of powers if she
continues to fight, but it must
be said that that hope is a small
one. Alone she cannot hope to
defeat Japan in the field. Her
one chance of victory is that
Japan will exhaust herself and
call a halt to her campaign,
eventually withdrawing from
Chinese soil.

It is these possibilities which
Marshal Chiang and his col-
leagues are pondering at the
moment, it can be guessed. The
decision they will reach within
the next few days will affect
China's whole destiny, and pos-
sibly the entire future of Asia.
At the moment it seems that
China must be prepared to lose
Marshal Chiang, or Marshal
Chiang may lose China.

Garage-Hand by Day.. STAR by NIGHT

By John Bourne

Playwright, producer,
adjudicator, and editor of
"The Amateur Theatre."

DURING the day, John Smith is a
miner; in the evening he is an
actor. John Smith's daughter is a
school teacher; but also she is an
actress.

John Smith has a brother who was a
miner but is now unemployed—that is,
during the day.

At night he, too, "walks the boards."
Even John Smith's wife is a costumer.
The picture is no exaggeration. In all
parts of England all sorts and conditions
of people, sometimes whole families, are
turning to the stage. The amateur season
has begun.

The amateur actor of 1937 is entirely
different from the happy-go-lucky player of
1900.

Then, the amateurs, enjoining their friends
and fond relatives into buying
tickets for their shows, were
mainly copyists of the professional
stage, having fun at other people's
expense, and doing it largely as a
social or Society function.

Now, large numbers of them are
genuine students of drama, striv-
ing to keep flesh and blood acting
alive in places where there are no
theatres and where, but for their
efforts, plays would never be seen.
By reason of hard work at drama
schools and the introduction of
the producer, amateur acting has
greatly improved. It is much more
of a communal effort in which
people of all classes gather to-
gether to experiment with original
plays or to produce established
successes.

SHAW and Priestley are
high in the list of favourite
dramatists, and among the works
of other authors that will be widely
acted during the coming season are
Spring Tide, *Pride and Prejudice*,
Call It A Day, *Distinguished*,
Gathering, *The Unguarded Hour*,
Love From A Stranger, and *Night*
Must Fall.

The latest play to be released is
Love On The Dole. Ronald Gow
dramatised it from the novel by
Walter Greenwood, who was on
the "dole" when he wrote it, and,
in Mr. Gow's own words, "suffered
in a Salford attic during the
hard winter of 1932."

Amateur actors abound. No
census has ever been taken of
them, but at the lowest estimate
there exist no fewer than 20,000
dramatic societies.

They range from the big
operative societies performing for a
week at a time in full-sized

theatres or cinemas to little village
groups performing in old army
huts or schoolrooms.

Children, too, now act in large
numbers occasionally as part of
their school curriculum. There
has lately arisen a "Theatre of
Youth," with Dame Sybil Thorn-
dike as president.

The movement is certainly in-
tense—especially among the
smaller groups. These, anxious
to be independent, are struggling
to possess their own headquarters.

Already some strange buildings
have been transformed into "little
theatres"—a barn, a laundry, an
old garage, a disused railway
station, a cellar, a chapel, a cow-
shed.

In them stages have been built,
with great economy, and every-
thing—from the scenery to the
seats—has been made or "picked
up cheap."

ON the other hand,
amateurs with rather more re-
sources have set up comfortable
and fully-equipped theatres of
their own, notably at Dundee,
Ayr, and Southport.

The Southport Little Theatre,
opened recently, has cost nearly
£15,000, and seats 400.

Unemployed groups are numer-
ous. One such toured the dis-

traced
areas in
Wales and
the North,
using an
old lorry (given them by a bene-
factor) as a stage and sleeping
out.

Others meet regularly in the
Unemployed Workers' Centres,
frequently to act improvised plays
or works of their own writing.

The National Council of Social
Service has several drama advisers
whose time is chiefly taken up with
visiting unemployed centres and
acting as producers. A workless
group recently built their own
stage from old railway sleepers
and used blankets from their own
beds as a "curtain" background.

On the Left, the Unity Theatre
Club has inaugurated a theatre
movement, frankly propagandist,
which already has close contact
with 150 similar groups in various
parts of the country.

The International Pax Players'
Association, with a Scottish off-
shoot, is designed to develop the
peace-play, and has already
organised a peace-propaganda
festival.

All-women societies have grown
rapidly during the last few years,
sometimes coming into open com-
petition at the drama festivals and
gaining awards. Playwrights have,

Auld Donal', The Cabby

IN the leisurely days before the
advent of the motor car, a certain
top-hatted worthy known as Auld
Donal' acted as charioteer for many
travellers.

He occupied the best stance near
the station, by fair means or foul,
and piled a very successful trade,
chiefly because of his "gift of the gab"
and his determination never to let
a potential customer elude him.

His white side-whiskers contrasted
strikingly with his fiery face and he
wore a tight-fitting tail-coat, almost
green with age. Auld Donal' himself
was weighed down with years and
"sair trauched wi' the rheumatics,"
but he never lost his zeal for his
trade, and vowed that he would
rather die in his cab than in his bed.

His ramshackle equipage bore the
same evidence of having seen better
days, and Tam Tirl, his old grey
horse, seemed to be suffering from
the same disease as its master. Yet
it valiantly hobbled along, and was
always certain to reach its destination
some time or another.

Between the fares Auld Donal'
would sit on the box, idly flourishing
the whip that he would never dream
of using on Tam Tirl, and smoking
an antiquated cutty pipe. But his
keen eyes were ever on the look-out
for customers, and once he had spied
a likely fare, he would crack his
whip to attract attention.

"Cab, sir, cab?" was his cry. "Here
ye are! Tam Tirl an' me are ready
to tak ye anywhere ye want—fray
Land's End to John o' Groats, gin ye
like. Just step inbye an' say the
word. There's no a mair shair-fitted
beast on the roads than Tam Tirl.
See at him cockin' his legs! Step
inbye, sir, or he'll be rare affrontit.
That's richt! In wi' ye! Haud tight!
Noo we're off!"

The bumpiness of the roads in those
days, combined with the sad state of
the springs in Auld Donal's equipage,
accounted for many hazardous

journeys, but the old cabby had be-
come such a popular character that
travellers were willing to forgo com-
fort for the sake of having his en-
livening company.

So fond of his horse was the old
cabby that in stormy weather he
would rather get drenched to the skin
himself than let Tam Tirl suffer.

Often he would take off his old top-
coat to put on the horse's back; and a
rival cabby was once heard to remark
to him, "It's a wunner ye dinna leave
that beast o' yours at hame an draw
the cab yersel'."

Auld Donal' made short shrift of his
rivals. The more up-to-date their
carriages and the fresher their horses,
the greater his scorn. As he waited
for a fare, he would voice his dis-
tast loud enough for the whole street
to hear.

On the subject of tips the old
cabby held some strange opinions.
He would take none for himself, and,
indeed, waxed very indignant at the
idea. But he was always careful to
add, "Gin ye like to throw in a sax-
pence for Tam Tirl, I'll no see it
gaun past him. But, mind ye, it's
no' for masel' I'll gie him an aixtra
heloop o' corn the night for a treat.
Noo, then, Tam Tirl, nod your head
to the gentleman."

When beset in the long run it
was difficult to tell, but Auld Donal'
was reckoned by the other cabbies to
be "zevan rowthty" in spite of his
dilapidated appearance. He never
retired to enjoy his wealth, however,
but was often heard to remark that
"As lang as Tam Tirl can tak the
road ye'll find me on the box."

Fortunately for the old cabby's
pride, his day was done before the
motor car arrived to oust him from
his place. But there were many who
would have given up the swifter mode



A typical situa-
tion for an
amateur actor
after work in
his garage. He
becomes Cap-
tain Arthur
Donagall in
"Floradora."

indeed, found it
profitable to turn
their attention to
the all-women
play, both one-act
and full-length.

Sometimes there
are, incongruities,
especially when
women attempt
male characterisa-
tion. Not long ago
an all-women
society seriously
debated whether
it should attempt

Journey's End. The fact remains,
however, that all-women casts
have played *Antony and Cleopatra*,
Hamlet, *Julius Caesar*, *Henry the*
Fourth and *Romeo and Juliet*.
While most Women's Institutes
prefer to keep their casts entirely
to their members, some do not dis-
dain the help of men.

Dramatic festivals are growing
in popularity. That organised on
a national scale by the British
Drama League is the biggest, with
about 700 entries per annum.

One-act plays only are per-
formed in this festival, and by a
process of elimination five
"teams" from five different parts
of Great Britain are chosen to
play in a final, generally held at
the Old Vic.

AT the final early this
year a company entirely composed
of miners came from Scotland and
was placed second for its per-
formance of Joe Corrie's *Flowers of*
Coal.

There is a move this season to
transfer this Final to Glasgow
during the time of the Empire
Exhibition.

Independent festivals, usually
held for a week at a time, are
locally organised in certain cen-
tres, sometimes with the support
of the Corporation. Both one-act
and full-length plays are per-
formed.

Among the towns and cities
regularly running such events are
Buxton, Blackpool, Doncaster,
Scarborough, Morecambe, Harro-
gate, Huddersfield, Skipton and
Weymouth Garden City.

Wales is strong in drama weeks.
In one case the local cinema was
bought out for six days so that
stage plays could take the place
of films.

Three chief organisations
advising all this activity are the
British Drama League, the Scottish
Community Drama Association
and the National Operatic and
Dramatic Association. The move-
ment also has its own magazine,
"The Amateur Theatre and Play-
wrights' Journal."

WHERE it is all leading
nobody can foretell. But there is
no doubt that amateur acting to-
day is a great class leveller, since
"mixing" is essential to success.
It is also a valuable corrective to
the routine life so many people
lead in factories, mines, shops and
offices.

Apart from the fun of it and the
service it renders in keeping drama
alive, it has its psychological use
in making mists into mistresses,
clerks into kings and miners into
directors—if only for a night.

—To-day's Thought—
HEAVEN ne'er helps the man
who will not act.
—BOPHOCLES.

of travelling for the privilege of a
bumpy journey in his old cab and the
pleasure of hearing again the pawky
remarks he addressed to Tam Tirl.
Lavinia Dorewell.

WOMAN SAYS "PARNELL WAS MY FATHER . . .

AND NOW MY MONEY HAS GONE"

"He Was Kind To Us But We Were Afraid"

(By A Special Correspondent)

A woman who claims to be the last child of Charles Stewart Parnell, the famous Irish politician, and Katie O'Shea, is living almost penniless with her husband in a shabby London house.

She is Mrs. Katharine Moule, aged 52, who keeps a boarding-house in Mornington-crescent, Camden Town, N.W.

In a bleak bedroom at the top of the house, which she lets for 12s. 6d. a week when she can, she told me her story.

"I was born on November 27, 1884," she said, "to Kate O'Shea and Charles Stewart Parnell. I am the third and last of their children.

"Claude Sophie, their first, was born, and died, in 1882, and Clare, who died 20 years ago, was born in 1885, so I am the last of their children and the nearest relative to Parnell living to-day.

"Claude Sophie is the only baby of Parnell my mother mentions in her book of his life, and none of us is mentioned in reference books.

LIKE HER MOTHER

"I was born at my mother's house at Eltham, Kent. My father was particularly fond of me because I was the baby most like my mother and had her grey eyes. Clare and Sophie had brown eyes and were like him.

"I clearly remember leaving Eltham after my mother's Aunt Ben died in 1888. We went to live at Walsingham-terrace, Brighton, and felt very important when we heard people whispering, 'That is Parnell's house.'

"My first memory of my father was seeing him seated at his writing desk in the dining-room. He looked grave and rather terrifying with his dark beard and pale, sad face. He was always very kind to us, but we thought him rather serious. He always seemed worried and engrossed, and we were a little afraid of him.

"He had a telescope and used to study the stars. He said in the stars lived the spirits of people dead. I also clearly remember a pestle and mortar he had which used to fascinate me. He used it for chemical experiments.

"When I was seven I could read quite well, and when he was ill he liked me to read aloud to him. I read, of all things, 'The Last Days of Pompeii.'

THE WEDDING

"But he and my mother were desperately happy in 1891 when her divorce from Capt. O'Shea was finally through and they were married at Stuyvesant Register Office. I was only seven, but I can remember that day, June 25, very clearly.

"The horror and sadness of the house when Parnell died in my mother's arms the same year they were married, I shall never forget.

"I saw Parnell for the last time when we children were being shepherded up to the nursery. I was curious, peeped through the door of his room and saw his pale, racked face on the pillow.

"My mother always called him 'Mister.' He called her 'Katie.' 'I lived with my mother until 1907 when I married Major Louis Horsford D'Oyley Moule. In 1910 he had to leave for West Africa, where he was appointed district commissioner.

"In 1921 my mother died and members of the O'Shea family, with whom I was never very popular, took my silence as callousness. I was numb with unhappiness. She was wonderful to her children. No one could have had a better mother.

"She left me £2,000, and with it I bought this house. My husband commuted his pension into a sum of nearly £1,000, and we lived quite comfortably on our capital for years. 'Now, of course, the money has gone. I realise we were silly now. It is difficult to make ends meet running a boarding-house like this.'

Poker Club Run By Lawyer Lost £9,000

From a basement coal delivery entrance of Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey-Street, W.C., recently bobbed a bald-headed little solicitor as his creditors left by ordinary exits.

The solicitor, bankrupt William Fielder Johnson, had just attended his adjourned public examination by Mr. S. W. Hood, Official Receiver, before bewigged Mr. Registrar Kean.

Public benches of the court were crammed with creditors. "You began to use clients' money, and as a result of further losses you used more and more of clients' money?"

"Yes," replied debtor Johnson. "And the amount due to those clients now is £131,800?" "Yes," was the answer again.

Johnson admitted his liabilities were £179,042. 5s. 10d., and assets £13,455 8s. 4d., with a deficiency of £165,586 17s. 6d.

For more than an hour the questioning continued, revealing that Johnson, while practising as a solicitor, ran a bridge, poker, and social club, and boarding houses, financed companies to build an airship, carry on a sports club, build a ship for trading on the River Congo.

On his poker and social club debtor Johnson estimated his loss at £9,000.

Official Receiver: "You knew you were insolvent in 1929 or 1930. Since then, you incurred debts amounting to £6,165 for goods and work alone. Have you any explanation?"

Johnson: "No, except that I was trying to make good."

"You say your average household and personal expenses were £2,500 a year. Why did you push up your expenses by £100 in the last twelve months?" "I was not living any differently. My garden was bigger."

"Were you supporting another household?" "I had a small house at Littlehampton."

"Were you supporting some one other than your relatives?" "No." The examination was concluded.

Oil Drills Sunk 2 Miles

Tulsa, Okla. Oilfield operating equipment has come a long way since the first well was drilled at Titusville, Pa., in 1859. The first well was only 59 feet deep. To-day giant rotary drills are manufactured which are capable of drilling two miles into any kind of rock formation.



As a token of friendliness with Italy, the King of Yemen, whose territory lies across the Red Sea from Ethiopia, sent three white horses as a gift to Premier Mussolini. Here one of the valuable Arab steeds is led from a railroad van, in Rome. Horses were also sent to King Victor Emmanuel.

PATIENTS WON'T LET US KEEP THEM ALIVE —SAYS A DOCOR

A London County Council hospital doctor telephoned a London newspaper the other day. "There has been a lot of criticism of doctors recently," he said. "Why not give your readers the doctor's point of view?"

"Tell them how public funds are wasted, how deserving cases are kept out of hospital beds, how the blood of donors is wasted because the poor-law doctor may do nothing to interfere with the liberty of the patient."

A reporter went to see him. This is what the doctor said:

Twenty-five per cent. of the beds in poor-law hospitals would be vacant, or free for fresh cases, if poor-law doctors could occasionally be high-handed with their patients.

Pints of human blood would never be taken from Red Cross donors. And we could reduce cases of tuberculosis to sporadic outbreaks.

Let me give examples from my own hospital, one of the largest and best-run in London. The same thing is happening all over the country.

Last week a woman was admitted with severe Bright's disease. I recognised her at once as a patient who had discharged herself from hospital six months previously against my advice.

FOUR YEARS TO LIVE

She had then been suffering from a condition which occurs in 4 per cent. of expectant mothers, and is easily cured by short hospital treatment.

I told that woman I could cure her if she would stay in hospital for two weeks. She refused to stay more than two days.

She is only 22, and has one child. She had a normal expectancy of life. Now she cannot live more than four years. And for a large part of that time she will occupy a hospital bed. I have a man patient with a gastric ulcer. He first came to hospital several months ago.

We gave him a blood transfusion and told him we could cure his condition in two months if he would stay for treatment.

He refused, and walked out of hospital.

Since then he has returned to us three times, each time seriously ill, and each time requiring a blood transfusion.

We cannot refuse him human blood, or he would die. But each time he is taking a pint of blood from a healthy man, when, with a little co-operation from him, no more transfusions would be necessary.

Such cases are occurring daily in every department of our hospital, and in every other poor-law hospital.

A patient comes to us with active tuberculosis. He agrees to become an in-patient.

After partial treatment he thinks he is well again and insists on leaving hospital.

A MENACE

We offer to send him to a convalescent home, free of cost to himself. Instead, he returns to his home to infect his family.

Tuberculosis will never be stamped out of the country until doctors are given authority to detain patients admitted to hospital.

Fathers and mothers allowed to return to their families while they are still suffering from active forms of the disease are a menace to every child with whom they come in contact.

General hospitals can bring pressure to bear on difficult patients. But under the present poor-law legislation we cannot secure the necessary co-operation.

Dying Horse Falls On Girl

A dying horse fell at a meet of the South Down Hunt at Ditchling, Sussex, recently, and injured its rider, Miss Auriol Powell Edwards, daughter of Col. M. J. Powell Edwards, of Plumpton.

The horse died soon afterwards. Col. Powell Edwards was among the first to reach his daughter's side. She was taken to a Brighton nursing home.

Col. Powell Edwards said: "When the horse fell it rolled over my daughter, and she was unconscious for a short period."

"She is suffering from slight concussion and will probably be detained in the nursing home for a day or two."

Death Ends Dilemma

Budapest. Peter Pordan, 31-year-old brick-layer, hanged himself because he could not decide which of two beautiful girls he would marry. Five times he arranged a marriage ceremony with each in turn, only to lose courage and cancel the weddings at the last moment.

RADIO BROADCAST

Doreen Ma at the Piano From the Studio

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Radio Programme Broadest from Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.).

H.K.T. 12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal and Piano).

Would You? (film 'San Francisco'); I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's Love Again'); Empty Saddles (film 'Rhythm On The Range').

1.40 Rex Fox and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Touch Of Your Lips; Gone (film 'Love On The Run'); When Is A Kiss Not A Kiss (film 'Champagne Waltz'); Cowboy; It's Got To Be Love (from 'Your Ties'); What Will I Tell My Heart; On The Trail Where The Sun Hangs Low.

1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Jack Hyllon and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Lord And Lady Whoozis; When You Gotta Sing You Gotta Sing (film 'Gangway'); Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon; Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It; Orchestra—Sweet Sue (Young); Fox-Trots—Gangway; Moon Or No Moon (film 'Gangway'); Waltz Medley—Waltzes From Vienna (arr. Korngold, Bittner, Clusman and Griffling).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Chopin Compositions: Nocturne In F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Mazurka, Op. 33, No. 4; Mazurka, Op. 24, No. 4....Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

1.56 The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

'Martha'—Selection (Flotow); Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing Of The Guard (Flotow and Jettam); Sousa Medley (Sousa).

2.15 Close Down.

8.05-11 Chinese Programme.

5 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

During the intervals dance records will be played from Z.B.W.

6 Studio—Children's Concert.

6.45 Paul Robeson (Bass).

Go Down, Moses (Burlingame); Plantation Songs.

6.50 Musical Comedy—Selection 'The Love Race'—Selection (Charles); 'Charlot's Masquerade'—Selection....New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Careless Rapture' (Novello—Hassall); Love Made The Song....Sybil Crawley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duo); Music In May....Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

Humorous—Building A Chicken House (Evans)....Will Evans; Orchestra—Tell Me Again (Grosz)....Alfredo and His Orchestra; Vocal—Granny's Old Arm-Chair (Little Brown Jug)....Frank Grumit (Tenor); Orchestra—Basin Street Blues (Williams); E Flat Blues (Morris—Williams)....Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

London Relay—Sportsmen Talking.

Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.

7.45 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.

1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in my Life (It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Tea for Two.

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme Broadest from Z.B.W. On a Frequency of 940 Kilocycles.

8.05 Variety.

Orchestra—'London Rhapsody'—Vocal Selection; Vocalists....The London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Deep Desert; My Way (film 'Jericho')....Paul Robeson (Bass); Rose Of England ('Crest of the Wave')....Edgar Elmes (Baritone); Haven Of Your Heart ('Crest of the Wave')....Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Cello—Gardar (Adolphe Fischer); Papillon (David Popper)....Rudolf Dietzmann.

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Be praised, thou peaceful night ('The Vagabond'—Zehrer); Ever softer grows my slumber (Lings-Brahms—Op. 103, No. 2); Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms).

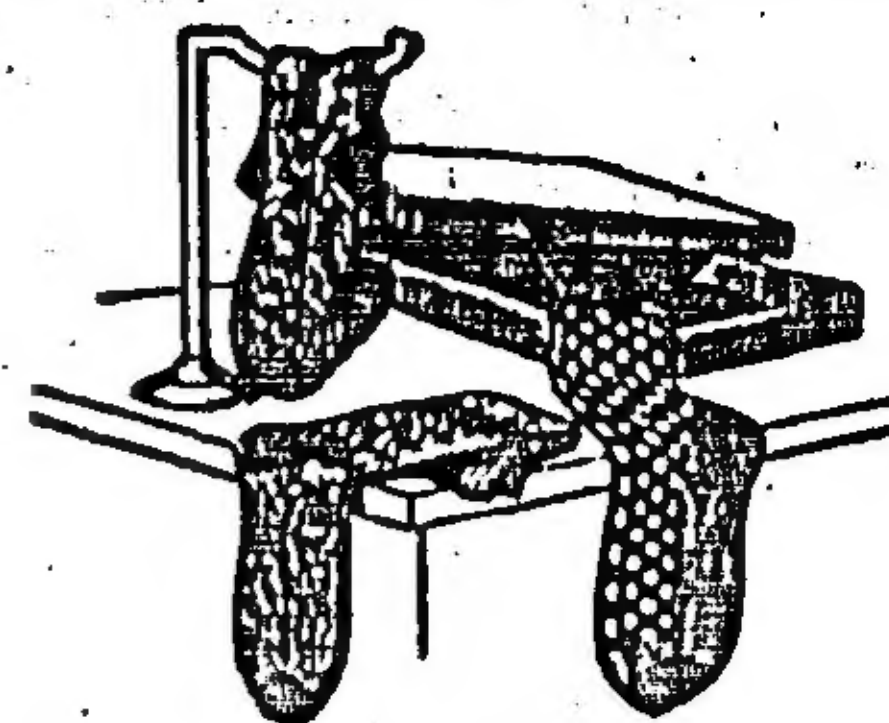
9.10 London Relay—Food For Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Benjamin Glaz (Trombone).

Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms—Joachim); Zapatasado, Op. 23 (Sarasate)....Yehudi—Menuhin accompy by Marcel Gazelle (Piano); If My Mother Only Knew (Nuttall); Night In Venice (Camaiti-Curcell); You Are My Life (from the film, Becca)....Gigli; Hungarian Dance No. 6 In D Flat Major (Brahms—Joachim); Romanza Andaluza, Op. 22 (Continued on Page 5.)



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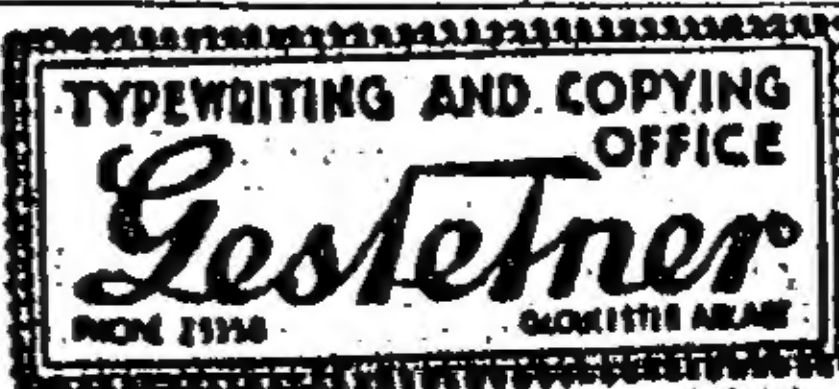
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MISS PERRY BECOMES COLONY TENNIS CHAMPION

Fierce Drives Overwhelm Miss Madge Griffiths

THREE SETS PLAYED

SHARP CONTRAST IN STYLE

(By "Abe")

The ladies' tennis open singles final played at the United Services R.C. yesterday between Miss Rose Perry and Miss Madge Griffiths was chiefly notable for one thing; it was watched by seven people altogether, including a Pressman (myself), a cameraman (the one who took these pictures) and the umpire (Dr. J. Smalley)—probably the smallest crowd that has ever watched a Colony tennis final.

This would be surprising if one did not know the reason. Actually, I do not think the match had been publicly announced; as a matter of fact, I did not know that it was on until 10 min. yesterday when I was informed about the fixture by a friend, who had himself just heard about it. It was no won-



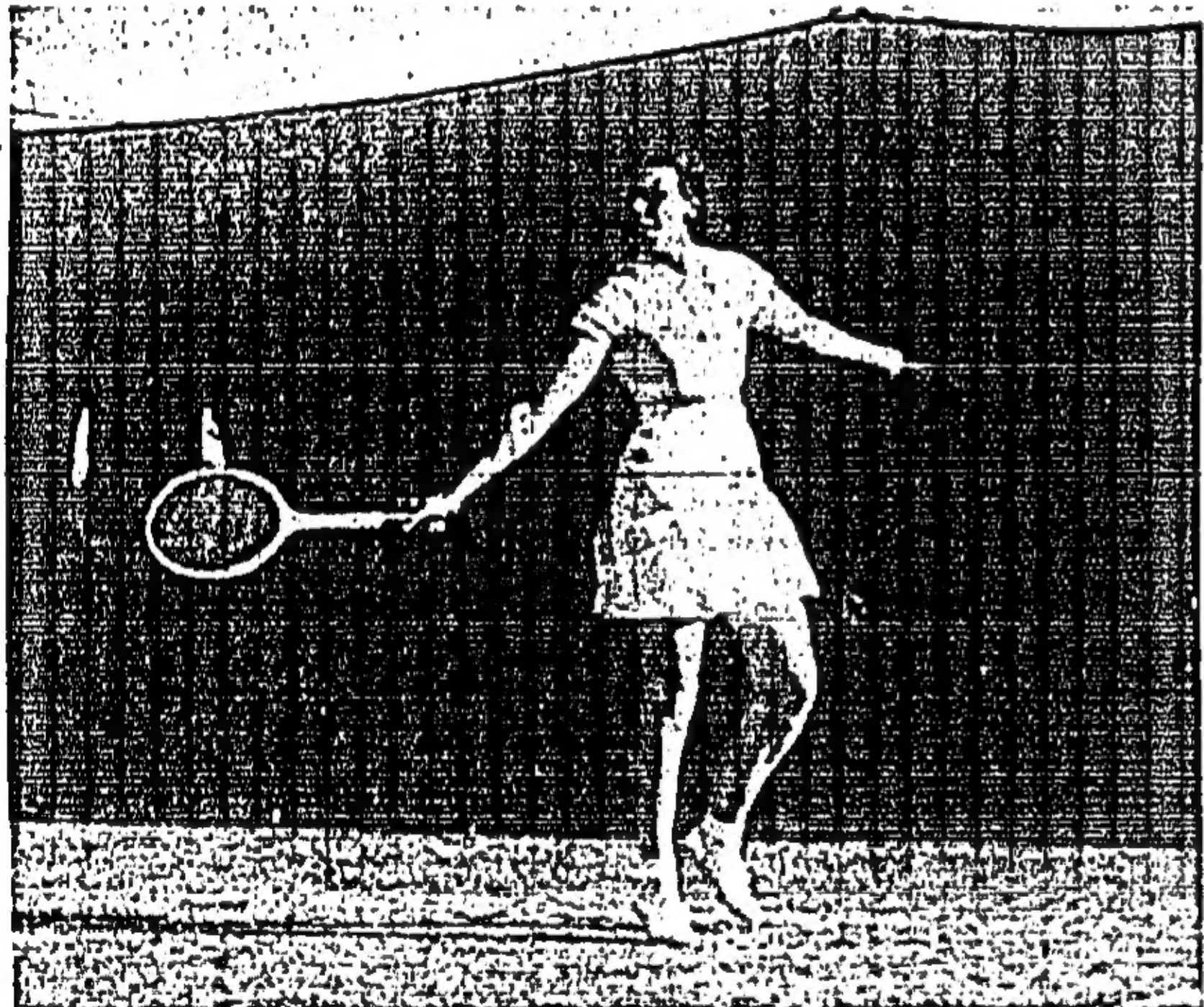
Miss Rose Perry. The new Colony champion in action yesterday.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

der, therefore, that so few were present at the match.

Those who were there, however, did not regret being present, for the tennis provided by the two finalists was always interesting and presented a sharp contrast in styles. Miss Perry depended on her hard hitting to win her points, whereas Miss Griffiths was more patient and was content to wait for her opponent to make the mistakes. The former was definitely the better of the two to watch because she was not afraid to take a chance; and she hit every ball as if she meant to finish off the rally there and then.

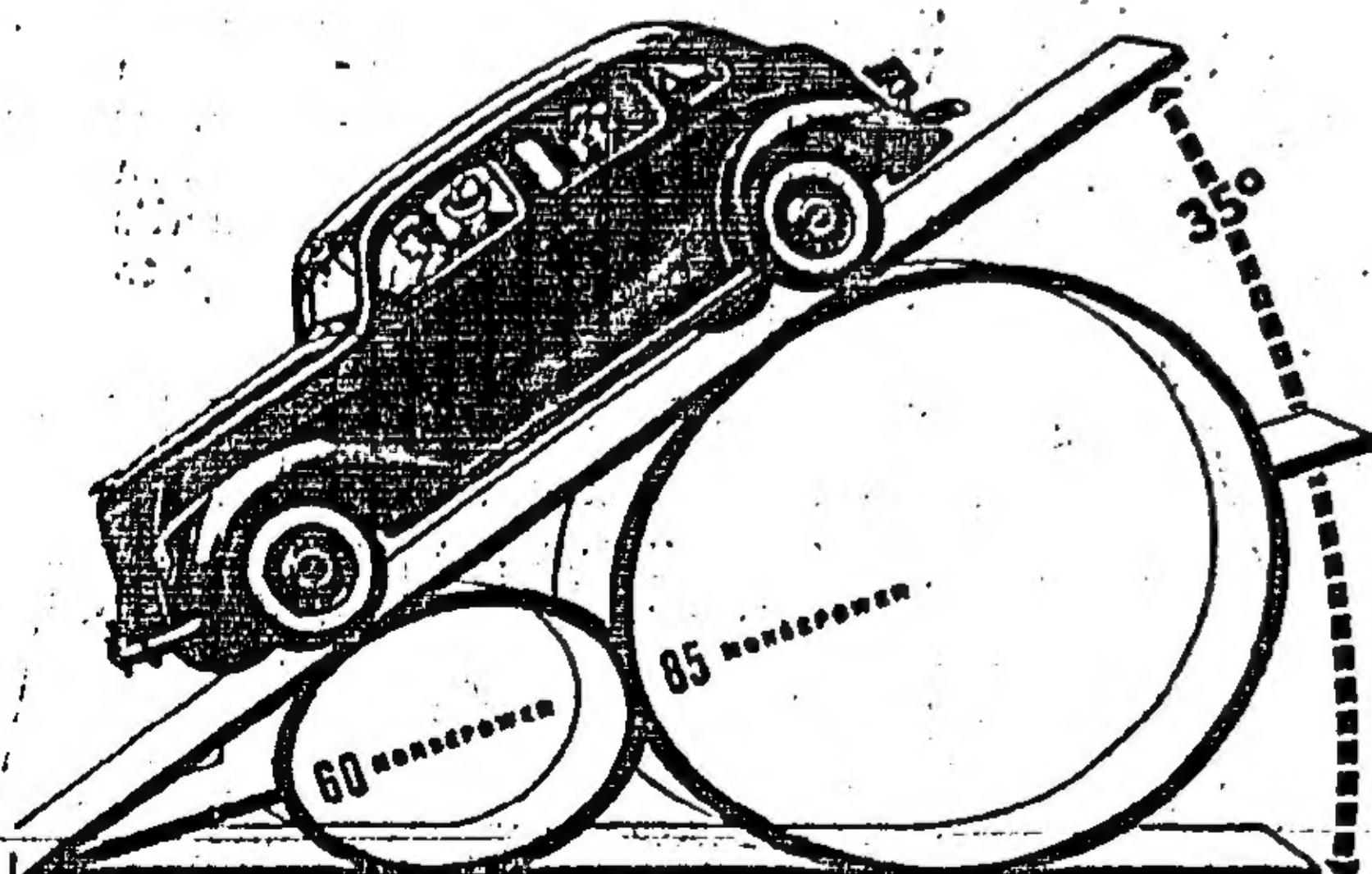
As only to be expected from one who relies on forcefulness, Miss Perry was not always successful with her drives on both hands; but she never gave up trying and was finally rewarded when Miss Griffiths' fine recovering powers broke down in the third set, which was won to love.

The final scores were 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 in favour of Miss Perry, who (Continued on Page 9.)



Miss Madge Griffiths. She did well to win the first set.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

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CAMBRIDGE AVENGES RUGGER DEFEAT

Beats Oxford At Soccer

London, Dec. 8. Cambridge University to-day avenged its rugby defeat by beating Oxford University in the annual soccer match at Highbury by three goals to two.

Only 1,000 spectators, consisting mostly of schoolboys, were present to see the match.

Lee, of St. Catherine's, scored for the Light Blues in the third minute, and Lomas, of New College, equalised. Then Washington (Queen's) and Lindley (Emmanuel) found the net for Cambridge, who led 1-3 at half time.

Lomas again was the scorer for the Dark Blues in the second period. Cambridge players were quicker on the ball, while their defence was magnificent. The game was one of the best inter-university matches seen in years, being hard, fast and gruelling.—Reuter's Special.

SCOTS BEAT CZECHS Five Goals To Nil

Glasgow, Dec. 8. The Czechoslovakian footballers who held England to five goals to four last week were no match for Scotland at Ebrox Park to-day, and were overwhelmed by five goals to nil before an attendance of 40,000.

Scotland scored within 20 seconds of the start. Buchanan received the ball from Robertson and centred; the Czech goal-keeper, in trying to clear, collided with the onrushing McCulloch and the ball trickled to Black who drove it into the unguarded net.

The Czechs pressed heavily, but in the 27th minute, against the run of play, McCulloch scored for Scotland. In the 30th minute, the Scots increased their lead through Buchanan, who put the ball in the corner of the net.

At half time, the home team led by 3-0.

Scotland dominated play in the second period; there was no sign of the revival which the Czechs staged against England. McCulloch headed a fourth goal for Scotland, and King scored the fifth.

The Czechs were seen in many beautiful passing movements, but they lacked finishing power. The result rather flattered Scotland, but they must be given credit for their speedy understanding and a new style of play.—Reuter.

KENT WINS RUGGER ENCOUNTER

London, Dec. 8. At Boxhill to-day, Kent defeated Sussex by eight points to nil in the County Rugby Championship. The game between Hampshire and Surrey at Southampton was postponed.—Reuter.

HOCKEY NOTES

ROYAL NAVY OUTPLAYED BY CLUB IN THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

CIVILIAN TRIAL HELD

Fifteen Players Selected

An interesting and very satisfactory trial was held on the Club ground last Sunday morning. The Probables (Whites) and Possibles (Colours) were seen in a draw game, each side scoring twice. Pyara Singh scored both goals for his side while Kraus and Pinto equalised for the Whites.

Both sets of forwards were fast, but the defences on each side came off best in the tussles. Several changes were made after the interval. A. E. P. Guest, who partnered E. L. Gosano, was seen with Mehar Singh for the colours and Pinto led the attack. Brown filled the centre-half berth and Wall played at inside left with Bond on the wing.

Commenting on the players, I would say Ramzan seemed safer in goal than Benwell. Of the backs, E. L. Gosano, for the Whites, showed up well, with A. M. Rodrigues (Colours) second best. Guest, after a shaky start for the Whites, improved for the Colours in the second half. His opposite number, Rodrigues, contrary to expectations, deteriorated in the second half. Karnal Singh, who was seen at left back for the Colours in the first half also did well.

It was a triumphant day for the half backs, but W. A. Reed stood out conspicuously, being head and shoulders above the rest. I can see no one good enough to deprive him of the centre half position in the forthcoming season.

Young Rodrigues and Alves also gave rousing displays but the more experienced Brown did yeoman service at right half and later at centre-half for the Colours. M. R. Malik sprang into prominence when he took his usual place at left half and will probably be worth his place in the Civilian team. It was a problem trying to solve the attack. S. Fowler was the best of the right wingers. Gurbachan Singh, inside right, and Pyara Singh, centre forward, combined well. Pinto at inside left performed creditably and should be the obvious choice in partnership with Bond on the left wing. The latter always showed a clean pair of heels down the wing to the defenders. Kraus, though he was quite steady, did not live up to his reputation, being too slow to take advantage of the splendid openings made by Pyara Singh. Wall and A. F. Sousa were useful but I cannot imagine them replacing Pinto and Bond.

CHOICE OF TEAM

My choice for the Civilian team would be: Goal—M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.). Backs—A. E. P. Guest (Radio), and E. L. Gosano (Recrelo). Halves—Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.). Forwards—S. Fowler (Club), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

Fifteen players were selected following the trial last Sunday and they are requested to put in an appearance on the Club ground next Sunday afternoon at 3.15 p.m. They are:

Ramzan (K.I.T.C.), A. E. P. Guest (Radio), E. L. Gosano (Recrelo), J. Goncalves (Recrelo), Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club), M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.), R. Marques (Recrelo), S. A. Fowler (Club), U. Kraus (Y.M.C.A.), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Wall (Police), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

The above players are asked to turn out in white shirts and shorts with dark blue and white ringed stockings. The service will play in red shirts and blue shorts.

LADIES' WEEK-END FIXTURES

The following ladies' fixtures have been arranged for the week-end: CAER CLARK CUP St. Andrew's v. C.B.A. (C.B.A. ground, 2.30 p.m.) BRAUN CUP St. Andrew's v. Recrelo (C.B.A. ground, 2.30 p.m.) "Y" Ladies v. C.B.S. "A" (C.B.S. ground, 2.30 p.m.) C.B.A. v. C.B.S. "B" (C.B.S. ground, 2.30 p.m.)

'Y' LADIE'S SECOND VICTORY

Hongkong Ladies Defeated

The Y.M.C.A. Ladies, present champions of the Caer Clark Cup competition, gained their second victory at the expense of the Hongkong Ladies when at Happy Valley last Saturday they defeated the home team by three clear goals.

The first half proved to be a ding-dong struggle, with the Hongkong Ladies enjoying a slight advantage in the exchanges. The "Y" defence was mis-hitting the ball due to the



Miss M. McCaw "Y" Ladies. Splendid centre-half for "Y" Ladies.

bumpy state of the ground. Against the run of play, the champions scored their opening goal through Miss M. Smith, who showed great opportunism in beating Mrs. Lunson. The latter should have saved the shot, however.

It was all Y.M.C.A. in the second half, their attack making an impressive showing. Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Gardner in particular were in peak form. Neither Miss Green nor Miss Hebling was ever really happy against those lightning raids made by the sisters. The second goal, though scored by Miss Smith, came from splendid work by Mrs. Burnett on the right flank.

The Westcott-Smith left wing combination was also effective, but they had more opposition from Miss Grey. Mrs. Reed led the attack well and was responsible for the last goal. Miss M. McCaw, at centre-half, was the best of the intermediaries; she completely blotted Mrs. Scrimgeour out of the picture. Miss Tonge, on her right, was a tireless worker. Mrs. Henry, on the left, was prominent in the second half, but she was too much inclined to put the ball to the centre instead of feeding her wing. Mrs. Burke and Miss A. Fowler, once they got settled, were hard to pass. Full credit, however, goes to Mrs. Gardner, who proved to be the "brains" of the "Y" attack. She did not find the net herself, but the splendid openings she made were numerous.

RAGGED DISPLAY

The Hongkong Ladies gave a very ragged display. Mrs. Lunson, in goal played up to standard and was responsible for keeping the score to three. Miss Grey played her usual solid game at full back and Miss Pope was always a hard-working pivot. Apart from these three, the others just could not settle down. Mrs. Reed was probably the best of the forwards. Mrs. Scrimgeour, as leader in place of Mrs. Porritt, did not seem to fit in with the general scheme of the H.K. Ladies' attack. Miss Marsh, at inside right, was not her usual dashing self; the absence of Miss M. Smalley on the right wing sadly affected her play. Miss Purves, newly introduced on the left wing, demonstrated a good turn of speed but never used the reverse stick, hence she was constantly robbed of the ball.

Had Mrs. Perrin and Miss Smalley been available, the Hongkong Ladies, I am positive, would have given a better account of themselves. At the start it looked as if the Hongkong Ladies were going to give the Champions a good run but the latter's fast and nippy attack soon had the measure of their opponents.

BY "THE PILGRIM"

FORWARDS FAIL TO COMBINE

On their own ground at King's Park yesterday, the Hongkong Hockey Club scored five times without reply in their second clash with the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament. Superior in all aspects of the game, they triumphed so easily because their forwards revealed fine form.

Several brilliant moves, beginning mostly from the centre where W. A. Reed was outstanding, were made by the Club, who thoroughly deserved their win.

The game commenced with the Navy a man short, Miller being a quarter of an hour late. The Club took the offensive immediately and within a minute Whitley was through. He, however, shot straight at Chalk, who made a good clearance. It was not until 20 minutes of fast play had been seen that the Club took the lead.



S. A. Fowler. Prominent on the Club right wing.

Off a short corner hit, G. E. R. Divett found the net.

This goal seemed to inspire the Club and within another two minutes, Fowler scored the second goal. Billings, in trying to clear the ball, passed it to the Club winger, who made no mistake. The lead of 2-0 was retained until the interval.

Though they were outplayed in the second half, the Navy players never slackened. Their failure to score may be attributed to the forwards, who although they tried hard and gave the opposing defence a lot of trouble, failed to develop understanding and smoothness in attack.

CLUB FORWARDS DANGEROUS

On the other hand, the Club forwards were always dangerous and worked together like a clock. Whitley (Continued on Page 9.)

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This was an important match inasmuch as St. John's and Recreio are probably the two strongest sides in this division. This success has improved St. John's prospects considerably; they have already beaten Kowloon Tong, who last night trounced Free Lances by nine games to nil.

Scores:

KOWLOON TONG v. FREE LANCES

Kowloon Tong beat the Free Lances 9-0 in the "B" Division Badminton League last night.

R. E. Lee and F. F. Ko (Kowloon Tong) beat J. L. Anderson and A. Harris 21-10; beat A. L. Fisher and F. W. Clark 21-10; beat R. Goldman and L. D. Skinner 21-10; A. W. da Rosa and Peter Loo beat Anderson and Harris 21-10; beat Fisher and Clark 21-12; beat Goldman and Skinner 21-4.

N. A. E. MacKay and A. Chan beat Anderson and Harris 21-15; beat Fisher and Clark 21-4; beat Goldman and Skinner 21-1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. John's	3	3	0	0	10	8	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	0	30	15	6
Recreio "C"	2	1	1	0	10	8	2
Free Lances	2	1	1	0	5	12	0
C.R.C.	2	2	2	0	8	10	0
St. Andrew's	2	0	2	0	0	18	0
University "C"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LADIES' TENNIS SINGLES FINAL

(By "Abe")

(Continued from Page 8.)

thereby became lady champion of the Colony for the first time.

VICTORY DESERVED

Miss Perry deserved her victory. She was decidedly the better stroke maker of the two, and at certain stages of the encounter she was able to win points at will, so great was her superiority. Her drives down the side-lines on both flanks were an eye-opener to those who did not think she was capable of maintaining good form over such a long period.

No one, least of all Miss Griffiths herself, I am sure, will deny that Miss Perry won entirely on her merits. Miss Griffiths was outplayed, and it was a tribute to her own powers of recovery that she was able to take the issue to the third set. Almost throughout the match she was on the defensive, relying great extent on the errors of her opponent to win points. The outright winners that she scored could be counted on the fingers of one hand, but it can be stated with equal truth that she was the less prone of the two to make mistakes. A runaway victory for Miss Perry looked likely in the first set when she went into a lead of 3-0. She was within a point of annexing the fourth, but failed to clinch it and after she had lost the game she seemed disheartened and lost the next three as well. To give Miss Griffiths the lead for the first time. She levelled up at 4-4, and led 40-love in the ninth game. A fierce return of service at this stage hit the netcord; the ball seemed uncertain as which side to drop, and after a fraction of a second, which must have seemed minutes to Miss Perry, it dropped back to Miss Griffiths, who took full advantage of it and went on to win the game. Miss Griffiths then won her own service to go out at 6-4.

Miss Perry came back with such good purpose in the second set that she was seldom in danger of losing it. She led 3-1, 4-2 and 5-2, and clinched it at 6-3. The third stanza was a walk-over, Miss Griffiths failing to put up any opposition while Miss Perry was consistently finding the side-lines with scorching drives which literally left her opponent standing.

Miss Perry will also appear in the final of the doubles on Saturday. She and her partner, Mrs. Chiu, will defend their title against Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Mills.

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CLUB BEATS NAVY

"TRIANGULAR" HOCKEY

(By "The Pilgrim")

(Continued from Page 8.)

ley, Divett and Dickford combined well together and received splendid support from Fowler and Bond on the wings.

The Club obtained a third goal through Whitley, who received the ball from Divett after the latter had outplayed Miller and Billings. Continuing the attack, the Club went further ahead when Whitley and Fowler scored, bringing the total to five.

Thereafter, except for brief periods, the Navy were kept in their own territory.

Wallace, at right back for the Club, proved a stonewall, with E. V. Reed, his partner, showing improved form. Donald, Walsham and Thornhill put in a tremendous amount of work in the Navy attack, but poor understanding spoiled their efforts. Miller, at centre-half, played a brainy game and Billings was the better of a slow pair of backs.

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

I AM pleased to hear that the Interport game with Macao has been put back to March 19, 1938. The Navy will be back from manoeuvres by that time and the Colony will be at full strength.

THE Recreio ladies are out to make a bold bid for the Brawn Cup this season. I have seen them at work during the evenings, under the capable assistance of Gonsalves and Tony Alves. If they go on at this rate, I can see them giving the C.B.S. "A", the present champions, a run for the honours.

CONGRATULATIONS to F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, the two well-known Macao wingers, for securing their "C" licences in ground engineering at the Far East Aviation School. I believe they will sit for their "A" tickets sometime this month. I wish them further successes.

ONE of the most unfortunate hockey players in the Colony to-day is M. H. Hassan, the Radio pivot. The word trial has no pleasure for him; for the last three years he has been out of them through illness. Last Sunday, he missed his place in the Civilian team as he was confined to bed with a sore throat and a touch of flu. Better luck in the Interport trial, Hanib! We do know your capabilities, so why worry?

KARNAIL Singh, the K.I.T.C. left back, leaves for India on December 15 on eight months' leave. He will be badly missed by his team mates as he has done great services during the last three years. Mr. Jahan Dad, K.I.T.C. Secretary, will accompany him on leave to India. They are both looking forward to an enjoyable holiday in their home country—with no hockey!

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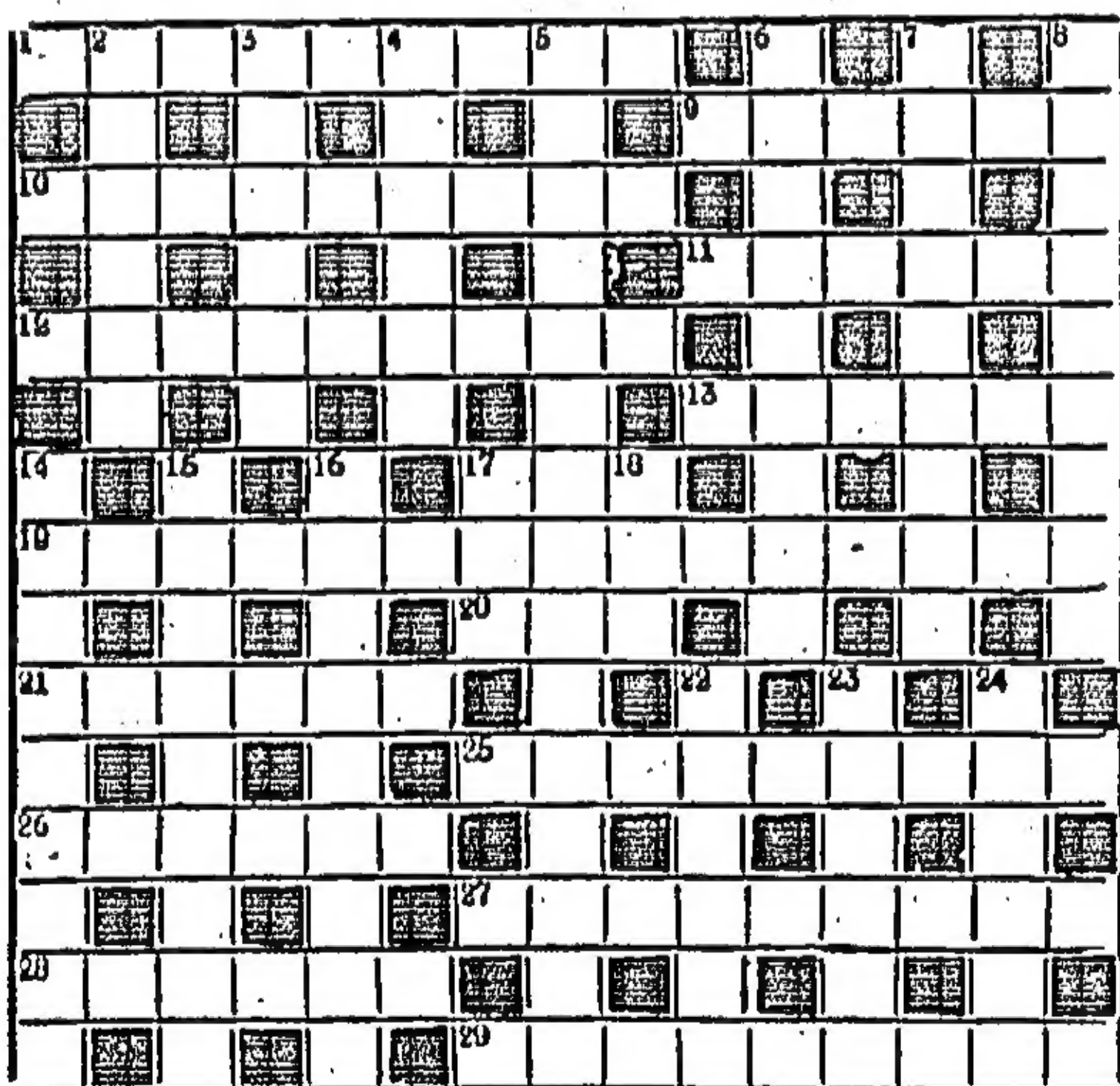
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- 3 Walk with an obvious sway (9).
- 10 The addition that the old maid did not like to obey in the Census paper (9).
- 11 Question (9).
- 12 Its tenant apparently consumed this official building (9).
- 13 Not a good hand, in a way (9).
- 17 Seed (go on down round the corner for the bird) (3).
- 18 The reason for the search for knowledge (15).
- 20 Procure (3).
- 21 Those who stand a good this have a prospect (9).
- 25 Tollsome (9).
- 26 Part of Llandrindod Wells (9).
- 27 "Gun in ship" might be an apt engraving in wartime (9).
- 28 End (9).
- 29 This English town announces its nature end position (9).

DOWN

- 2 Use (9).
- 3 No epithet for the nudists (9).
- 4 An early walk (9).
- 5 This kind of reading might apparently be circular about some bulbs (two words—5, 10).
- 6 Pressure on this helps in the row (9).
- 7 Not exactly an author, except for the better (9).

- 8 Wide-awake advice to the bird that never catches the worm (9).
- 14 Describes the lack of light that stopped the game? (9).
- 15 Cubists could easily draw this creature presumably (9).
- 16 Stain (9).
- 17 Quadruped (3).
- 18 "Food for powder, they'll all as well as better" (Henry IV, Pt. I) (3).
- 22 A cloak to mask identity (9).
- 24 An unfortunate 21 across (9).
- 25 This famous artist could obviously have earned a living as a more humble craftsman (9).

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But first of all what are "NERVES"?

TEN MILLION working weeks a year lost through "nerves" I expect that makes

Now, Mr. Smith, I don't suppose you like statistics any more than I do. But this is rather a staggering figure, isn't it?

But do you know, Mr. Smith—or do you, Mrs. Smith—what is meant by "nerves"? Do the words "neuroses" and "psycho-neuroses" convey anything to you? For, as Sir Farquhar Buzzard, the distinguished nerve-specialist, told a meeting of industrialists last Wednesday, it is these nervous disorders which are responsible for all this time that is being wasted.

Well, how often do you hear people say: "I have a nervous breakdown." "His nerves are bad." or "The doctor says he's a bundle of nerves?"

Of course, we all know more or less what we mean when we use these phrases. We picture the poor chap who can't sleep, and who jumps at sudden noises, and who can't keep his attention fixed on what he is doing.

But I don't suppose for a moment that you or Mrs. Smith have any idea what has made him like this, and still less what can be done about it, now have you?

You probably realise, Mr. Smith, that when you refer to this kind of thing as "nerves" you are being a little careless in your choice of words. You don't mean the long string-like cords which run from your brain and spinal cord down the arms and legs.

What you have got in mind is a nervous disorder known usually as "neuroses." And the experts classify nervous disorders into two groups—organic and functional. Forget the first—they are rare, and, what is more, do not come into our idea of "nerves."

The second group is what really matters, because one in fourteen people suffers from "functional nervous disorders," and it is this group which costs us in Britain those ten million weeks a year.

Let us just explain the words "neuroses," then we won't use them again—they are just clumsy classics. Neuroses mean lots of things, and different things to different people.

But if you look upon them as nervous disturbances in which bodily workings are more marred than mental, you won't be far out.

Neurasthenia—which is chronic fatigue—is a good example. "Psycho-neuroses" mean all those tiresome symptoms which are included in "a nervous breakdown"; you know, "jitters," can't sleep, can't digest, can't concentrate." And that's that.

IT is your nervous system—brain and spinal cord—which is upset. Result: no part of the mechanism works properly. And

that is why you may get anything from headaches to jitters.

Now, do you want to know how this happens? Well, think of the brain as an electric battery, sending messages all day down the spinal cord; and think of it as producing also your thoughts, ideas, and feelings (for the brain is the organ of the mind all right. No brain—no mind).

Ever heard of the sympathetic nervous system? It is an extra spinal cord and it has got "depots" all over the body—it controls all your blood-vessels. It is the speedy down which you send messages when you are hot-up—that's how you blush, go pale, faint.

Suppose you get a sudden shock—a bit of bad news, for instance. You feel it in your mind, but your body gets a bit too. Your knees tremble and you collapse into a chair; see?

Well, it is the mind which is first concerned; then the message goes down the sympathetic. So you can't be surprised if you feel a bit queer all over, can you?

Have you ever almost jumped out of your skin? Well, do you remember that sinking feeling you had in the pit of your stomach?

That was due to the message which came down to your solar plexus—part of the sympathetic—and got you in the "wind." You can have the same feeling in a lift which drops suddenly downwards, but in that case it is the effect of gravity on your plexus.

NOW, Mr. Smith, you will be wondering what causes jitters. The answer is—lots of things. If you really want to understand what has made your friend Jones such a wreck, you will have to put up with a few more lessons.

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But suppose you don't rest them enough? Well, the mottling doesn't quite go. Then you have got a C2 nervous system, and this doesn't make you feel any too good.

How do you know when this has happened? Oh! you will know all right! Everything is just a little more difficult for you.

You are tired when you wake up, it is such an effort to think; and when you have got to make a decision it is just too bad to ask you!

Vacillation, Mr. Smith!

And if you suddenly discover that you can't make up your mind over some simple problem, then there is something gone wrong with the works.

BUT overwork and worry aren't the only causes.

Ever heard of the nervous troubles which follow an attack of influenza? Well, here it is the poison made by

this wretched little microbe that upsets the works.

Commonest symptom of this form of "nerves" is depression. And—any goodness—how black everything can look when one has had a real go of "it."

Pity that this isn't the only poison, because it can be bad enough, in all conscience. But your body and mine, Mr. Smith, can make enough poison to fill a chemist's shop when they really try.

And if the blood is full of poisons it is a sure thing that the sensitive tissues of our nervous systems won't escape. Symptoms vary with the poison; and there is a large variety to choose from, madam!

But here's one really important change which happens when you are in for a breakdown. When you are really fit, you don't feel one part of your body more than another—because all the sensations are fused as they reach the brain.

But once the nervous system gets upset there's hardly any limit to the horrid feelings you may get. Not pain necessarily, but tingling, numbness, hot and cold, restlessness, feelings of emptiness and fullness....

And that, Mr. Smith, is what happens to you if you "have a nervous breakdown." Not very nice, is it?

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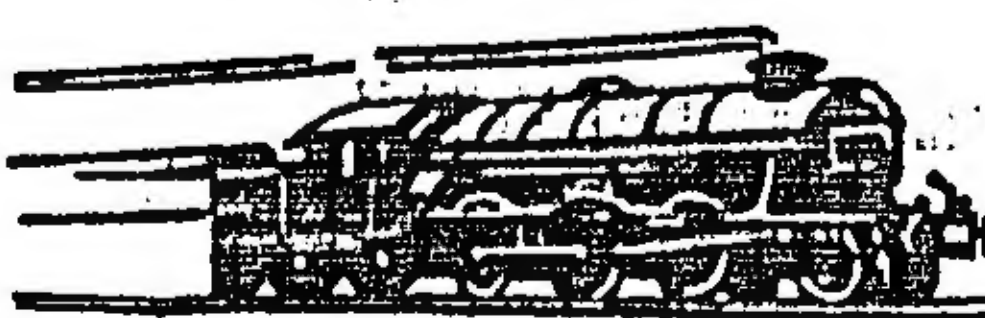
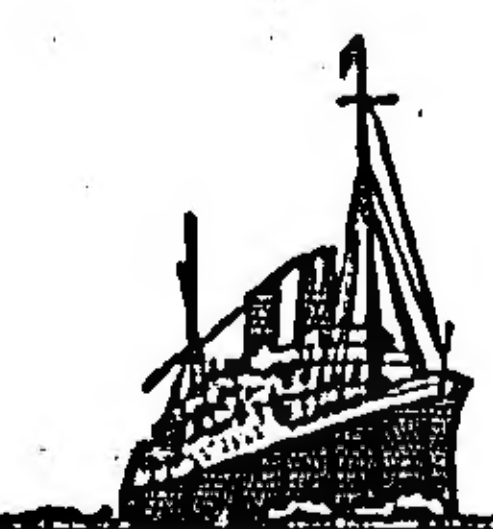
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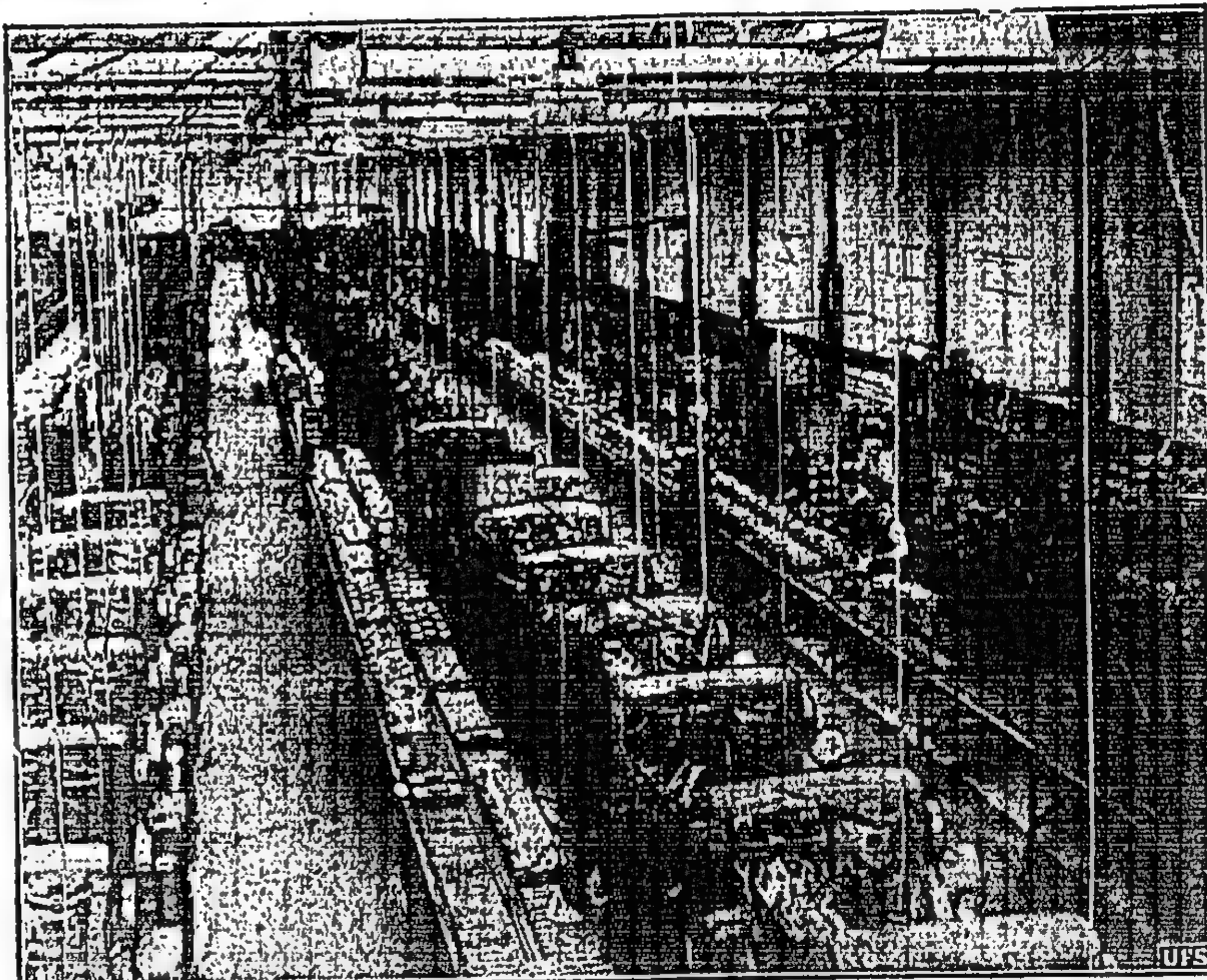
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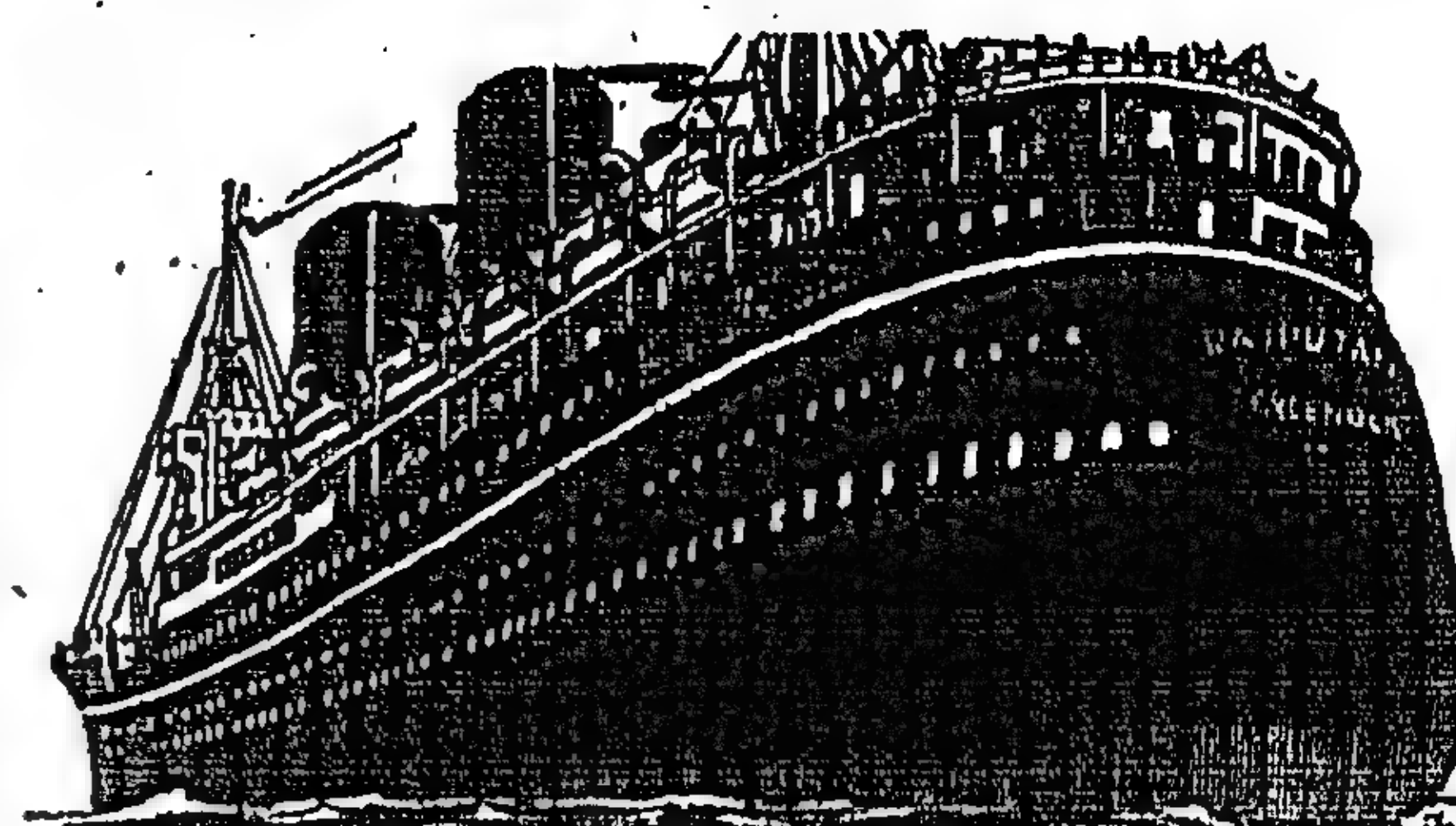
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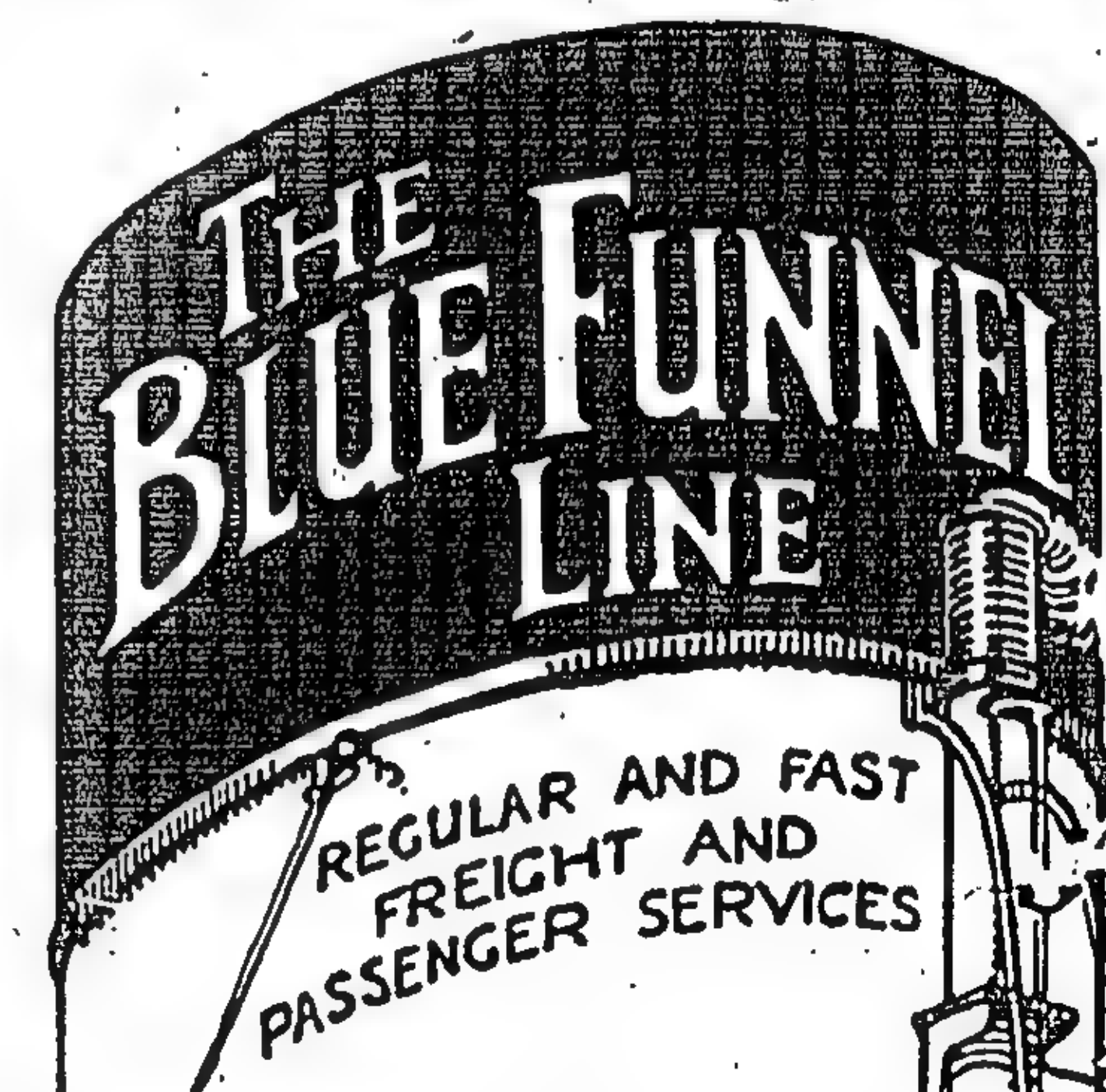
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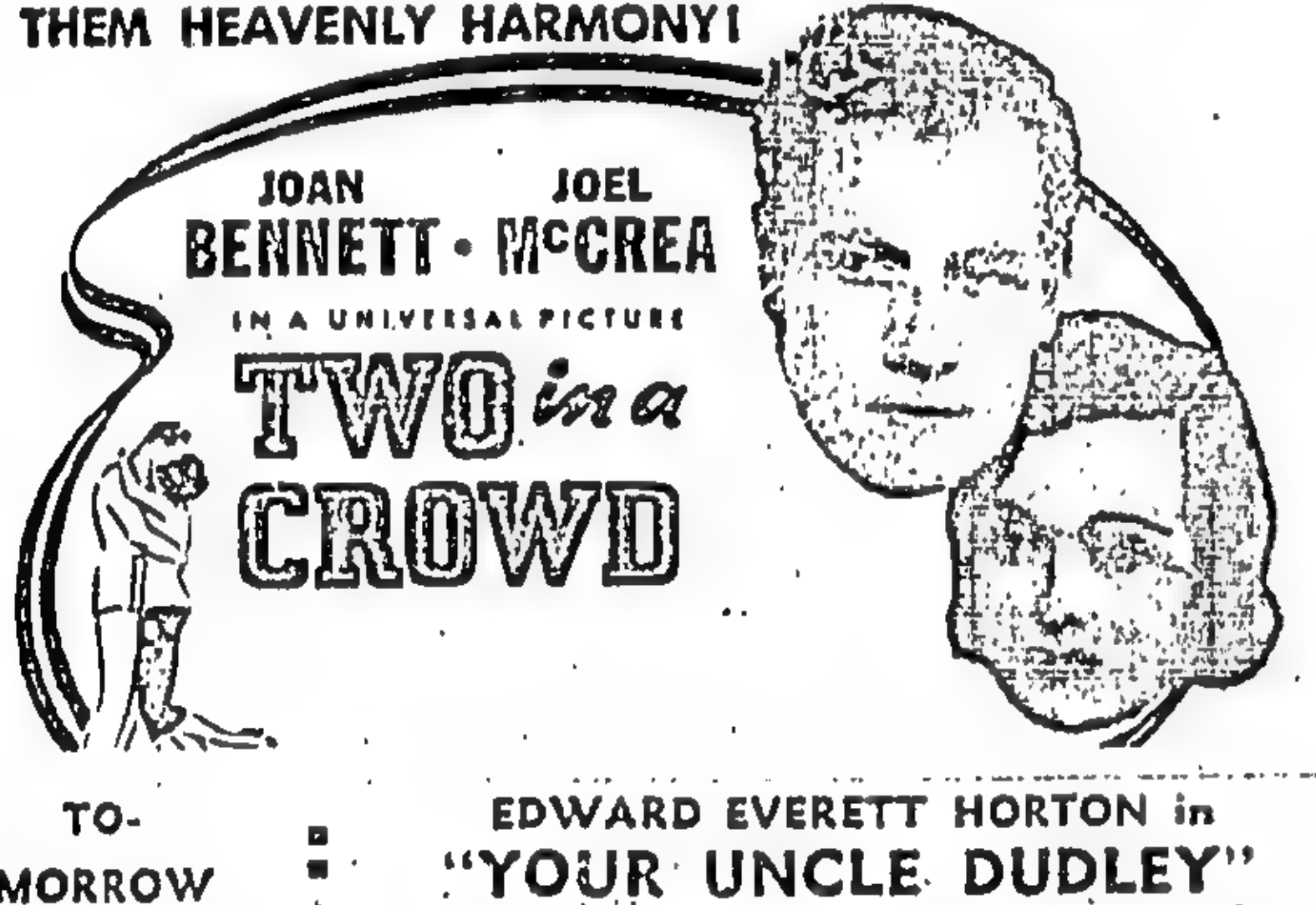


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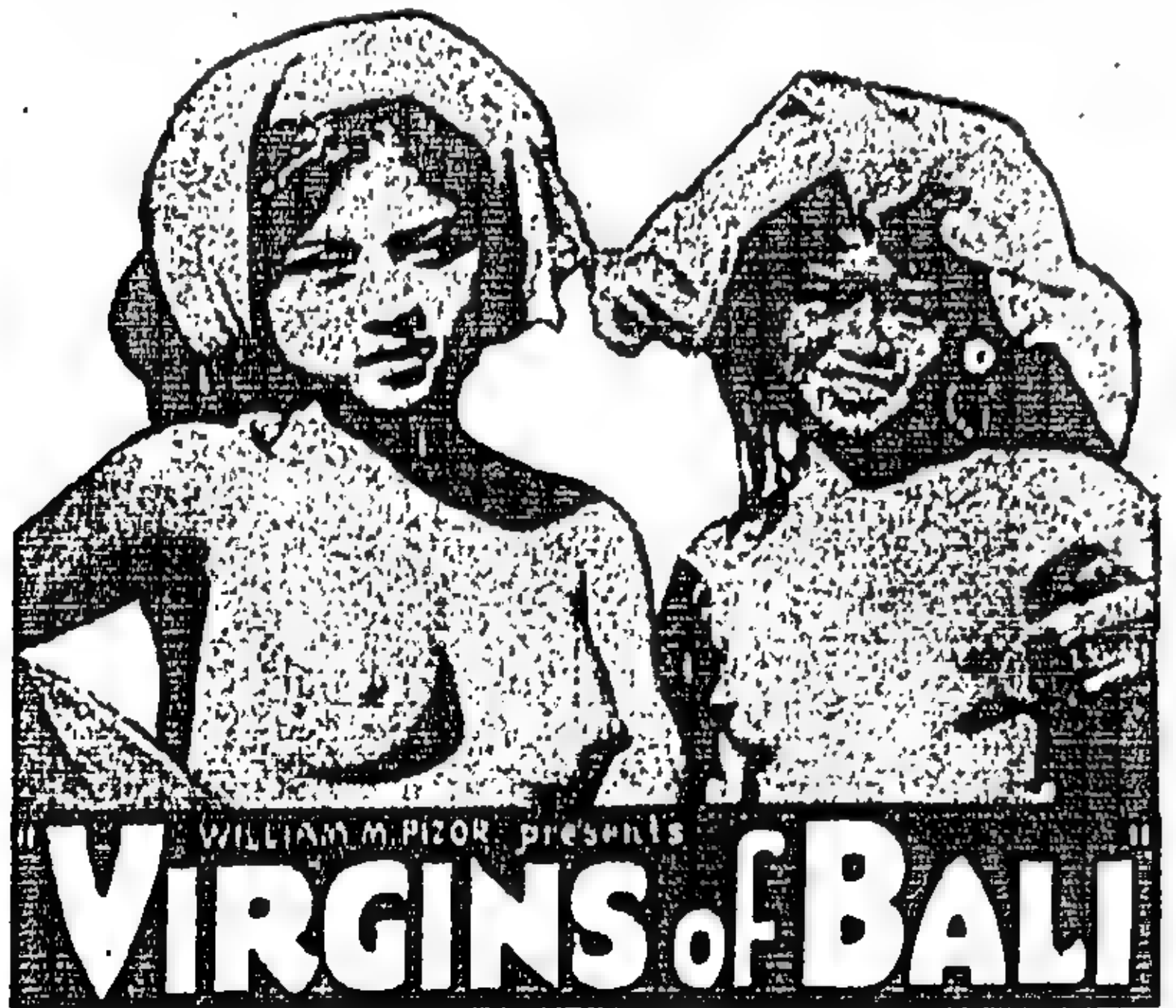


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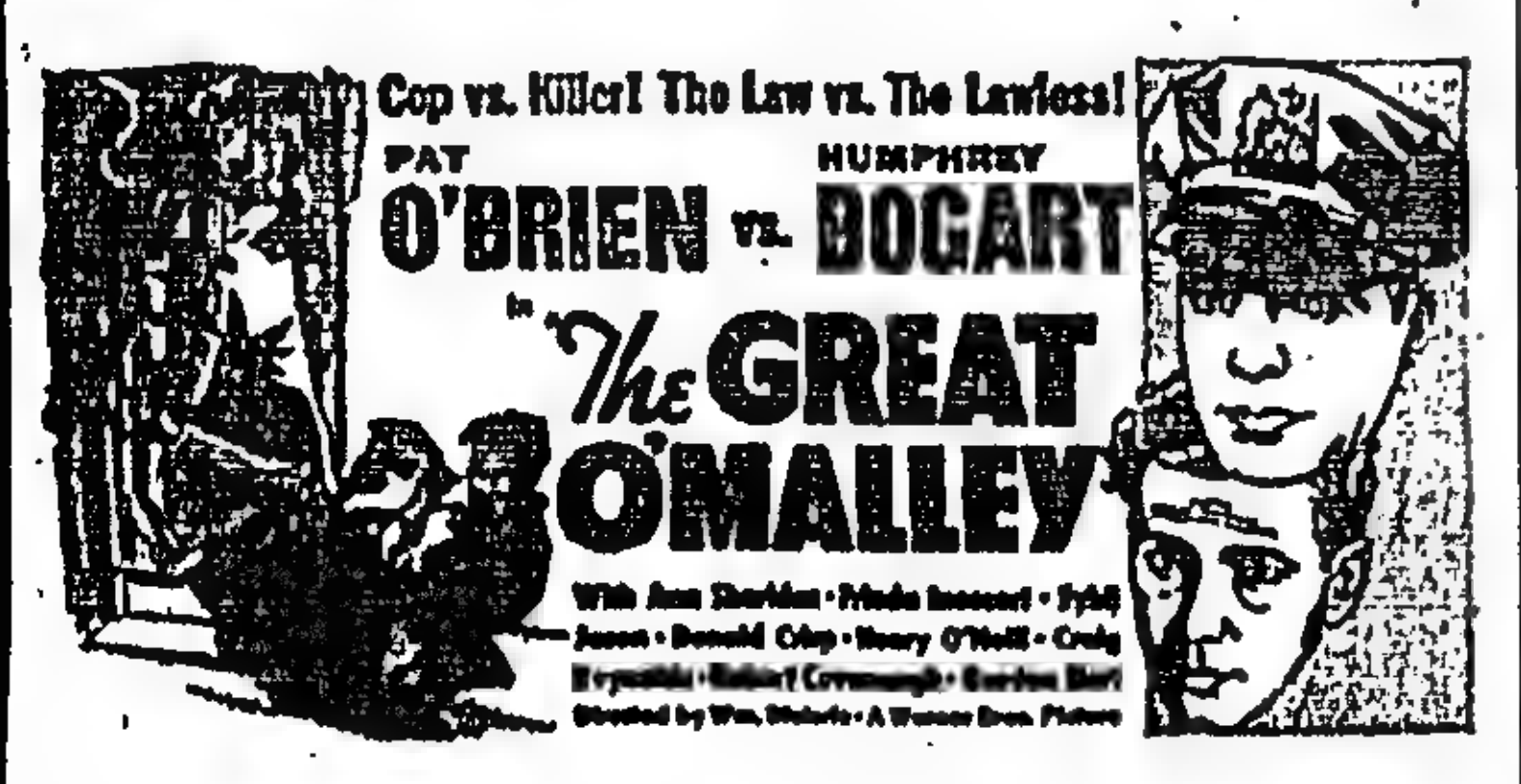
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With certain exceptions, which are specified in the Temporary Regulations, all external lights must be extinguished, and all internal lights, if not extinguished, must be so screened as to be invisible from outside.
The use of headlights on motor vehicles is prohibited.
The public is particularly requested to note that the "black-out" must commence punctually at 8 p.m. Irrespective of whether the alarm, which will be tested at approximately that time, is heard. It is not expected that the alarm will be heard outside certain parts of the Central District.

APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION

Li Ting-fat appeared this morning before the Court of Appeal, with Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice, on the bench. He was appealing against the conviction by Mr. Kennedy Skipton in Police Court, for having assaulted Li Yau-shi and Li Kau-mui on August 1 at the District Office South.
The grounds of appeal were that the conviction was against the weight of evidence and that the appellant was not guilty of the offence.
Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the appellant. He said the verdict was such that no reasonable jury, properly directed, would have found appellant guilty on the evidence.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR

The following warships were in harbour yesterday: South Wall, H.M.S. Grimsby and Herald; East Wall, H.M.S. Otus, Pandora, Tarantula and Rorqual; North Arm, H.M.S. Midway and Submarine West Wall, H.M.S. Cumberland; Dock, H.M.S. Defender, Decoy and Regulus; No. 3 buoy, H.M.S. Westcott; No. 6 buoy, H.M.S. Adventure; No. 7 buoy, H.M.S. Regent and Rover; No. 8 buoy, H.M.S. Duncan; No. 10 buoy, H.M.S. Olympus and Rainbow; No. 12 buoy, H.M.S. Sandwich and Thraupen.
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LORDS STUDY ROAD PROBLEM
The House of Lords to-day debated the road safety question and passed a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to review the whole subject and suggest further means to reduce road casualties.—British Wireless.

RECRUITING GAINS

Intake of recruits for all arms in the regular Army during the last week was 540, an increase of 42 over the corresponding week last year.—British Wireless.

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BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY BODY MOVES

Hankow, Dec. 9
For the sake of convenience, the Board of Trustees for the administration of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has temporarily removed its office to Hankow from Nanking.
This step was taken in order to facilitate contact with numerous Central Government organs now functioning here.—Reuter.

WRONG ADDRESS REPORTED

Mr. D. Xavier wishes to point out that the address No. 4 Mosque Junction, which is his home, is in no way concerned with a case reported yesterday in which a Chinese was convicted of keeping an illicit still. Mr. Xavier's address was inadvertently published in the report of proceedings against the still operator, and the regret of the Telegraph has been conveyed to the householder.

CLEVER A.D.C. SHOW

"OUTWARD BOUND" SCORES HIT

Among other things, all of which are to their credit, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has built up a reputation for producing plays which cut across the common rut of drama, comedy and melodrama, and which test to the full the interpretative ingenuity of the company. The reputation is sustained in the Club's latest offering "Outward Bound," which had its premiere at the China Fleet Club before an exceptionally big audience.

That the audience generally liked the play and thoroughly enjoyed the A.D.C.'s translation of it was evident from the warm and spontaneous applause.
One would not say "Outward Bound" was the ideal type of play for an amateur theatrical company, because the appeal of the play must, to a point, be limited. Not everyone can stomach the idea of a group of dead people, gradually realising they are dead and nearing a crisis when they will have to answer for the manner in which they lived, reveal their reactions to the situation in everyday terms of speech. The more imaginative will find the conception thrilling and exciting, and will revel in the dramatic possibilities. Others, quite justifiably, could find the play meaningless, for it is a theme which travels close to the supernatural and metaphysical and is therefore almost bound to create varying reactions.

IMAGINATIVELY INTERPRETED

The play is lively in conception and as imaginatively interpreted. Once again, that splendid quality of all A.D.C. productions, balance in the cast, is an important determining factor in the success of the show. There is an ideal blending of histrionic ability and stagecraft which leaves one with a decidedly pleasant sensation of having witnessed sincere, and at times, compelling performances.

Phyllis Henderson gives a finely modulated performance of the once-time harlot who through cunning and ingenuity has managed to find her way to Society and naturally becomes an insufferable snob in the process. Nigel Waymouth, still vividly remembered for his Danny in "Night Must Fall," again makes good use of a dramatic study, although there is a tendency to overdo things in the second act, when he realises the appalling position he is in. His best work—and it is indeed very fine—is given in the first act, when he becomes slowly, but very deliberately, inebriated.

A delightful study is given by John Abbott as the Rev. William Duke, a typically conventional young padre, who "goes off the deep end" when he realises he is dead, and then reacts just as sharply when he further realises the incongruity of his position as a parson.

Philip Mason was compelling as Mr. Lingley, the self-made business man, whose Judgment Day was in keeping with his life on earth (or so it seemed) and Maude Mather gave several intelligent and shrewd touches to her characterisation as Mrs. Midgely, which ranked her as an actress rather above the ordinary among the amateur fraternity.

The most difficult parts were in the hands of Myrtle Brown and Gerald Nigel, for there were long scenes in which they had nothing to say, but had to sustain the mystery surrounding them by their presence on the stage. Later they had much to say, but the author gave them poor lines.

London Stock Exchange Irregular

London, Dec. 8.
On the Stock Exchange to-day, Brazilian bonds were good and Indian iron, supported by ill-edged stocks, met investment buying. Home Rails were encouraged by the satisfactory traffic returns. Otherwise the very quiet conditions caused some irregularity in price movements. Commodities and wheat eased on Russian and Australian selling. Jute was firm on bear covering, and Wall Street opened firm.—Reuter Special.

QUESTIONS NEW MALAYA TARIFF

London, Dec. 8.
Replying to Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) regarding the Malayan textile quotas which were outlined last week, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said the initiative came from the local Government after a very full investigation.

Sir Percy asked whether it was merely an official majority which had approved of the proposal and Mr. Ormsby-Gore said it was presumably worked out by the Customs, which had to deal with these matters. Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he did not think the new arrangement would increase prices.—Reuter.

DISPOSITION OF H.M. SHIPS

The following is the disposition of H.M. ships in North China:
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WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 8.
The Board of Trade Index of wholesale prices in November was 1.9 per cent. lower than in October. The decline followed a fall of 0.5 per cent. in October and slight falls in September and August, the aggregate decline over four months being 2.7 per cent.—British Wireless.

BISHOP OF NANKING IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 8.
The Rt. Rev. Yu Pin, Bishop of Nanking, arrived here by air to-day and is proceeding to New York on Saturday.—Reuter.

H.M.S. DUCHESS RETURNING

H.M.S. Duchess is due here from Weihaiwei about December 12. She will leave for Swatow about Christmas time.

with considerable repetition. Both players came out of the test with a great deal of credit.

Cyril Champkin, who appreciates the art of understatement, and therefore never fails to score no matter what part he takes, gave a performance of distinct merit and charm, and Cyril Brown, with a part which must have made him scratch his head in puzzlement, for it opened up almost unlimited means of sheer melodrama, or even worse, serio-comedy, emerged with flying colours with as neat an interpretation as one could wish.

The ingenious guiding hand of Cyril Brown the producer was apparent throughout the play, which can in truth be written down as another distinct A.D.C. success.—S.A.G.



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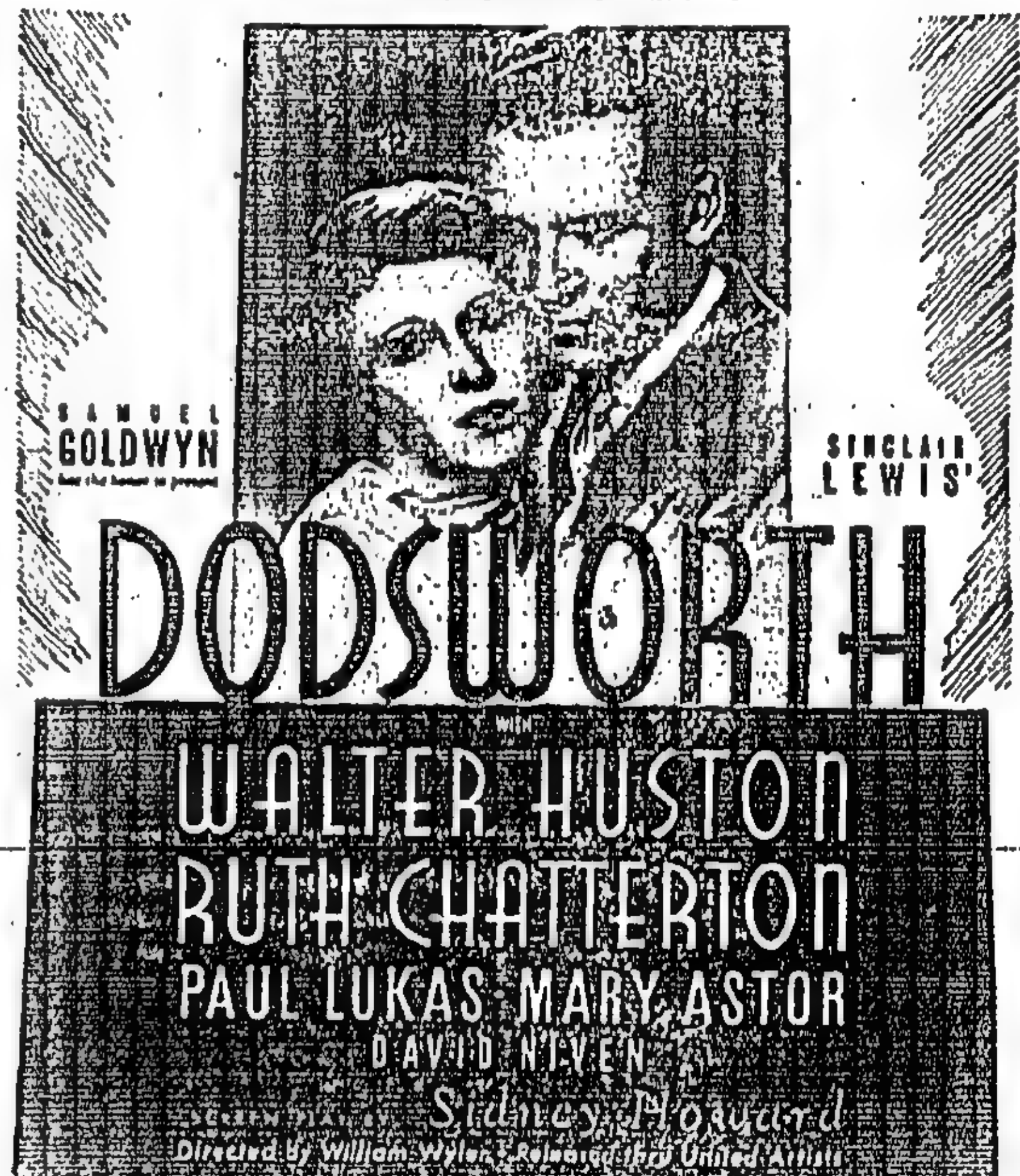
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NANKING, DEC. 9.

FIVE MONTHS AFTER IT WAS CONSTRUCTED, THE KIANGYIN BOOM ACROSS THE YANGTSE RIVER WAS PIERCED THIS MORNING. A JAPANESE DESTROYER FLOTILLA STEAMED THROUGH AND IS CONTINUING UP THE YANGTSE. THE JAPANESE WAR CRAFT PASSED SEVERAL BRITISH SHIPS, WHICH, ALONG WITH NUMBERS OF OTHER CRAFT, HAVE BEEN BOTTLED UP FOR SOME TIME. H.M.S. CAPETOWN IS ONE OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS IN THE RIVER.—REUTER.

CHINESE SLOWLY RETREATING

Nanking, Dec. 9.

The ground haze has been heavy all morning, possibly due to the smoke from the villages to the south and east which the slowly retreating Chinese are reported to be systematically setting alight.

Foreign observers here are convinced the Chinese troops will do their utmost to defend Nanking and believe they may hold out a week after the city's gates are closed. This correspondent is continuing here as long as possible, going ashore each day. Later he will move to Sanchaho, and will actually be nearer the city wall than at present.

The Chinese troops are placing two field guns on the Hsiakwan Bund. These are directly opposite the U.S.S. Panay, a gunboat. They are also constructing a sand-bag emplacement to the U.S. Naval Club, the wall of which forms part of the post.—United Press.

HALF A MILE FROM CITY

Shanghai, Dec. 9 (10.35 a.m.)

Japanese troops have occupied

Tachengao aerodrome, which is only

half a mile from Nanking proper.

A Japanese naval spokesman stated

this morning that the Air Force is

co-operating with the Army in

intensively bombarding the Chinese

positions.

An Embassy spokesman announced

that the Consulate had informed

third powers that the Japanese forces

were often in "a trying predicament"

as the Chinese had taken up positions

in proximity to foreign property. It

was therefore hoped that third powers

"in view of hostilities spreading

throughout the Yangtse Valley" would

co-operate by removing their ships

and vehicles from the fighting zones

wherever possible, and otherwise keep

as far as possible from the war area.

In case no co-operation was forth-

coming the Japanese forces would not

be in a position to insure security of

such ships and vehicles and could not

be held responsible whatever the

consequences may involve. This

warning is said to apply to Govern-

ment as well as privately owned

property.—United Press.

Sixteen Americans In Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 9.

Mr. George Atcheson, Mr. J. Hall

Paxton and Mr. Frank N. Roberts,

members of the U.S. Embassy staff,

boarded U.S.S. Panay last night and

Captain McHugh, military attaché,

has left by motor for Hankow on

instructions from the War Depart-

ment.

At present there are 10 Americans

inside Nanking.

The eastern walls of the city were

(Continued on Page 4.)

Chinese Stop Work In Malaya Mine

Claim Iron Going
Into Munitions
For Japanese

Singapore, Dec. 8.

Seven hundred Chinese have gone

on strike at the Japanese owned iron

mine at Johore, declaring the mines

and iron are being used for the

manufacture of munitions for Japan.

The mine produced 30,000 tons of

ore monthly, which is approximately

one-sixth of the total Malayan pro-

duction, all of which is Japanese con-

trolled.—United Press.

ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION

New York, Dec. 8.

The "Junior Friends of the

Chinese" have announced that on

Saturday 1,000 women, garbed in

cotton, will participate in an anti-

silk parade along 20 blocks of

Lexington Avenue which will be the

lead to a rally at Columbus Circle

for urging a boycott of Japanese

goods.—United Press.

MASS FLIGHT

San Diego, Dec. 8.

The United States Navy's most

ambitious mass flight of 14 patrol

bombers, manned by 25 officers and

73 assistants, under the command of

Lieut-Commander B. E. Grow, hop-

ped off to-day for a non-stop flight

to Cocosco, Panama.—United Press.

Observers See Difficulties For Japanese

Increased Tension
Between London
And Tokyo Likely
DANGERS FOR
INVADERS

London, Dec. 8.

Expert observers of Far East affairs are of the opinion that the fall of Nanking will mark the real beginning of the Japanese difficulties in China, unless Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime crumbles and immediately seeks peace.

It is believed the Japanese will halt their offensive after the occupation of Nanking, since attempts to pursue the Chinese to Hankow will involve the risk of snapping the everlengthening line of communications. Attention is also drawn to the fact that the division of China into two regimes, with one stimulating Manchukuo and the other Chinese ruled, would be dangerous to the invaders.

It is believed that the Japanese success in consolidation after taking Nanking will depend on General Chiang Kai-shek's ability to keep his army together, secondly Japan's ability to obtain foreign assistance for establishing a Japanese-controlled Chinese administration, particularly in view of the virtual certainty of Britain to refuse Japan loans.

Diplomats foresee increased Anglo-Japanese tension should Shantung be the scene of the next major operations.—United Press.

FRENCH SEIZE SPY SUSPECTS

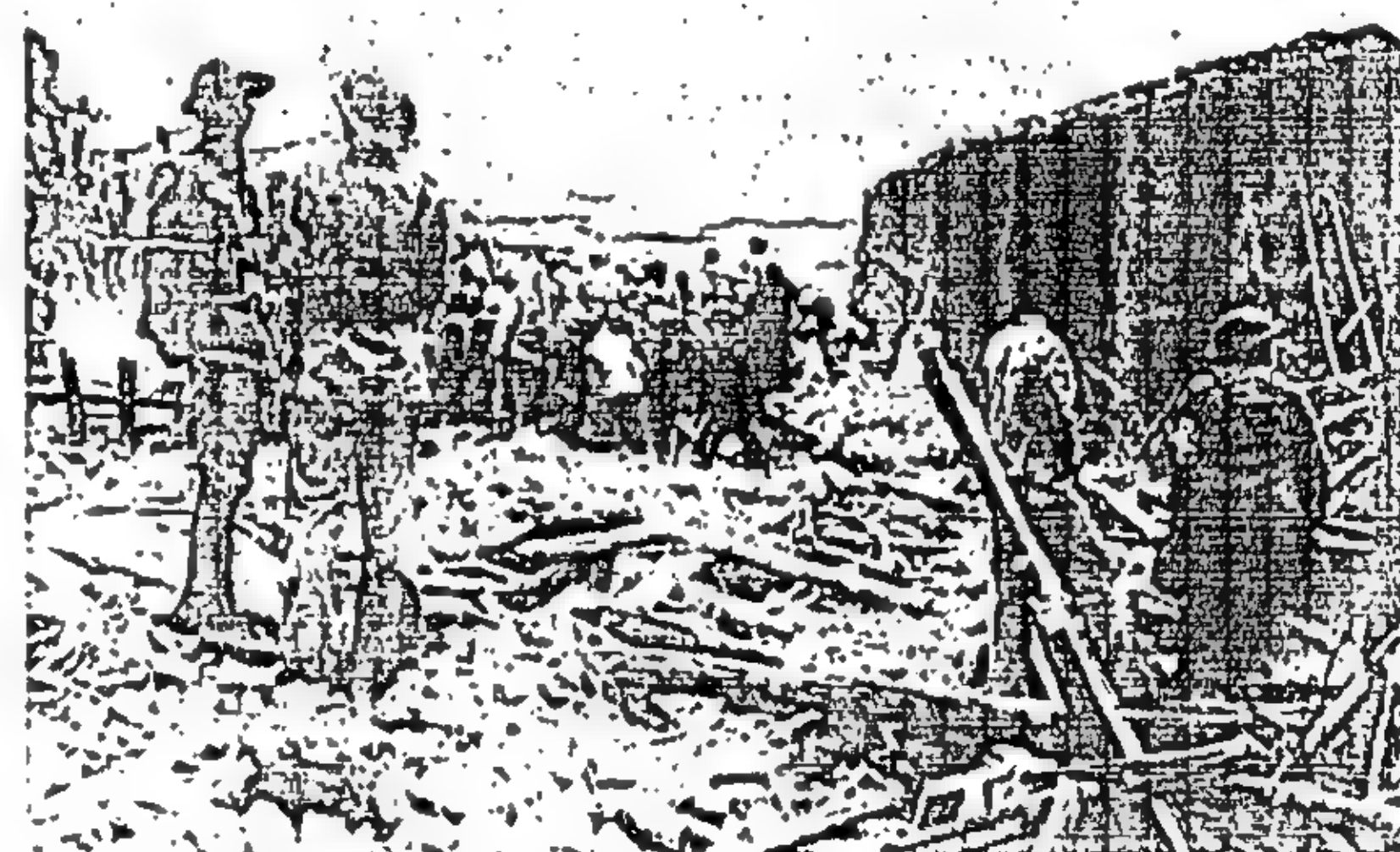
Marseilles, Dec. 8.

A group of alleged spies fought with the police in a hotel to-day, and one of the suspects, an Italian, was a police inspector's leg.

Police announced they had arrested 20, but they did not reveal their names or nationalities.—United Press.

S'hai Volunteers To Fight Crime

SEVERE DAMAGE IN HONAM



Japanese bombing planes are flying over Canton and its environs almost every day. Frequently they bomb various strategic localities. But the bombs which fell in Honam recently killed only women and children and old men, and destroyed a number of dwellings. This illustration, taken at a time when the rescue parties went into the ruins and before the smoke and dust had cleared, was specially secured for the Hongkong Telegraph by a correspondent.

Asks Aid For Captive Priest

Washington, Dec. 8.

The State Department announced that the United States Consul-General at Hankow, Mr. Paul Josselyn, has requested the Hunan Government for every possible measure to rescue the American priest, the Rev. Cyril Franks, who is reported to have been captured by Chinese bandits at Kaotsum, Hunan, on December 6.—United Press.

INSURGENT ATTACKS REPULSED

Loyalists Inflict
Severe Defeat

Madrid, Dec. 8.

Insurgent troops failed in their objectives in two frontal attacks on Loyalist positions at Píres and Lortugos, south-east of Granada.

They advanced aided by tanks, after a furious barrage, but the Loyalists withheld their fire until they were very close, and then unleashed machine-guns and grenades. They followed up the second insurgent retirement with a counter-barrage which lasted an hour.—United Press.

PROTECTION ASSURED

London, Dec. 8.

Mr. Anthony Eden told the House of Commons to-day that he had not only informed the Insurgents that Britain would not admit the Insurgents the right to blockade Spain "but I also warned them against interference with British shipping. It has been made clear that such shipping will continue to be protected."—United Press.

TRADE TREATY IN SIGHT

Washington, Dec. 8.

Mr. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, said the possibility of an Anglo-American trade treaty in the near future "seems to be hopeful. I believe we are making great progress."

He disclosed that a tentative estimate of the United States favourable trade balance for the year was \$100,000,000 compared with \$33,000,000 last year.

Total foreign trade, including exports and imports, was approximately \$6,400,000,000, or 21 per cent above last year and 115 per cent above 1935.—United Press.

BLIZZARD LASHES BRITAIN

U.S. And Canada
In Cold Grip
Of Winter

London, Dec. 8.

A blizzard has swept the south of England, and destroyed power lines and trees which have blocked the highways and trapped 400 motor cars in the New Forest area.

At the Isle of Wight rains flooded a railway tunnel to a depth of six feet and caused a suspension of the service.—United Press.

UNITED STATES SHIVERS

New York, Dec. 8.

Cold blasts from the Canadian prairies have swept the United States with sub-zero temperatures and heavy snows affecting three-fourths of the country, the only exception being the extreme west and south-west. Snow covers virtually the entire northern half of the country. Storm surges have reached as far south as Texas, the lowest temperature being at Casper, Wyoming, which registered 20 degrees below zero. Louisiana has a cold wave which is the longest since 1903 and in western New York the worst storm of a decade paralyzed traffic. New England had a gale and eight inches of snow, and the heaviest December rainfall in history.

Meanwhile the south has freezing temperatures accompanied with a forecast of more rain, sleet and snow and colder weather. At Miami the temperature was 44 degrees and schools were closed. Birmingham registered 30 degrees and Atlanta 28. All over the country the intense cold has caused scores of deaths.—United Press.

Nations In Nightshirts Endanger U.S.

Minister Of Interior
Gives Warning

New York, Dec. 8.

America is now "far more dangerously threatened by the new madness of nations in nightshirts," declared Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior in a speech at dinner of the Civil Liberties Union to-night when comparing the present age to the Ku Klux Klan era in the United States.

"The Klugeles and Klocards (officers of the Klan) now ride in bombers, tanks, battleships, and submarines over a field of operations that is international," said Mr. Ickes. In an apparently clear reference to the Sino-Japanese conflict, Mr.

NEW EMERGENCY SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION

ARMED ROBBERIES OCCUR
WITH GREAT FREQUENCY
INSIDE SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

As a means of assisting the Shanghai Municipal police in suppressing the crime wave in the International Settlement, a plan has now been worked out which will call for the partial mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

An official announcement of the plan has not yet been made, but enquiry among Volunteer and Municipal officials brought forth the information that such a plan is now being considered, and may be put into effect within a few days.

RUSSIAN PAPER BOMBED

Third Incident Of
S'hai Terrorism
Early Attempts
Frustrated

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The outer office of the Russian Daily News, a pro-Soviet newspaper published in the French Concession, was damaged last night when an unidentified miscreant, who drove up in a black sedan, left a bomb on the window-ledge and hurriedly drove off.

The bomb exploded with a loud detonation, shattered the plate glass window and damaged the furniture. There were no casualties as nobody was in the outer office, although Mr. Chiklin, the editor and publisher, was on the second floor together with 20 Chinese workmen and Russian reporters.

Later Mr. Chiklin stated that the entire building shook from the explosion and the occupants were frightened.

The incident is probably connected with similar happenings when bombs were deposited a few days ago at the Soviet Club and the Soviet Trade Office, but both were discovered before they had time to explode.—Reuter.

Life Sentence On Arab Is Confirmed

Jerusalem, Dec. 8.

Major-General Archibald Wavell, commanding the British forces in Palestine has confirmed the convictions passed on an aged Arab father and his son by the military court at Nazareth for carrying arms.

The son's sentence of life imprisonment has been confirmed, but the father's sentence has been reduced from life to one year. It is believed this consideration is due to his age.—Reuter.

Ickes remarked that "it is a strange phenomenon that a country, which is weak and helpless, and at the same time rich in resources, is the hot-bed of communism, and must therefore be saved as a brand from burning by some altruistic fanatic."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

PRIEST TAKEN CAPTIVE

Hankow, Dec. 9.

Father Wesselmann, of the Sacred Heart Mission, a native of Hitler, Germany, has been kidnapped by bandits who are believed to be asking ransom.

The priest was captured on November 13 on the road from Yikung to Kichow, when he was shot in the left leg.—United Press.

LONE MARINER NEARS HAVEN

London, Dec. 8.

Lloyds has received a message from the Jugo-Slavian steamer Kuja, in the bay of Biscay, that she sighted the cutter Cygnat, in which Captain Ludwig Schlimbach, 60, retired master mariner of Hamburg, is making a solo voyage from Miami to England.—United Press.

STEADY JAPANESE ADVANCE

Tokyo, Dec. 8.

Taking advantage of the moonlight, vanguards of the Japanese forces advancing to Nanking kept up a vigorous offensive last night, beat off a Chinese counter-attack and captured two Chinese tanks, according to reports from Japanese correspondents at the front.

Early this morning the Japanese captured the Chinese infantry college and the Taohachao aerodrome, less than a mile from the eastern walls of Nanking, and were pressing on towards the Chumenghan gate in the vicinity of the Ming Tombs.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

AUTHORESS SAYS WESLEY'S WORK "DRUGGED" THE ILLITERATE



TEACHES HUSBAND TO READ

Twenty-six-years-old Jim Hammond can neither read nor write, and his pretty 23-years-old Welsh wife, Tid, is giving him lessons.

Every night in a little room in Maple-street—just off Tottenham Court-road, London—they sit side-by-side at a table littered with school exercise books.

Heads close together, the young wife—pencil in hand—slowly and carefully forms different letters of the alphabet as her husband repeats and copies the letters a dozen times or more.

"My husband is really very clever,"

Girl, 16, Is Printer

Francine Fiske, the 16-year-old daughter of Frank B. Fiske, publisher of the Fort Yates Pioneer-Arrow, became one of the nation's youngest printers when she replaced the regular printer in her father's shop, while the printer went on a vacation.

Blind Golfer Scores 79

Captain Gerald Lowry, famous blind sportsman, returned a score of 79 in a game at Mersea Island (Essex) Golf club. The length of the course is 0,352 yards, and the bogey is 75. His valet placed the ball, told him where to stand and the distance of the ball from each green.

More than 150 girl employees were believed trapped in this fire, at the S. B. Penick botanical drug manufacturing plant in Weehawken, N. J., until it was recalled the day was a Jewish holiday and many of them had not gone to work. Flames swept the plant, injuring 15 and causing 600 children in a school 50 feet away to be imperiled.

Hen Lays "Siamese Eggs"

New London, Conn. Louis Lombardi's hen has laid three "Siamese" eggs in three weeks. Lombardi says the laying of one such egg, although unusual is not rare, but when the same hen lays three eggs, equal to a half-dozen within three weeks, "that's different."

Pheasant Enters House

Newburgh, N.Y. A pheasant was an unexpected guest of Miss Mary McEvoy at her home here. The bird flew through a front room window, and fluttered about in ground floor and second floor rooms before escaping through an open bath room window.

"UNTOLD HARM TO CHILDREN"

Revivalism Blamed For Wave Of Hysteria

(By A Special Correspondent)

Methodists will be shocked to read—in a new biography of John Wesley, "Wrestling Jacob," by novelist and historian Marjorie Bowen—that "it seems doubtful whether the good that Wesley's movement had done in the country balanced the evil caused by the wave of mingled hysteria and imposture."

The book, published recently, is a detailed account of the great preacher's life.

But wherever the authoress expresses any opinion on Wesley's work she is scathingly critical, accusing him of playing on the fears of semi-idiot and having a bad influence on children.

She writes: "John Wesley took advantage of that religious emotion he was able to rouse in the wretched and ignorant to implant some terrible falsehoods in their shivering hearts; the most dreadful of these was Hell."

"It was no wonder that illiterate peasants and semi-idiotic slum-dwellers fell roaring to the ground, screaming, 'I will be good,' like a child threatened with a stick, and that even the half-educated, especially if also half-drunk, should be overcome with her fear and trembling."

BANNED JOY

"Without humour, though not without a dry wit, John Wesley discouraged joy, pleasure, all gay and lovely things; those who could not find their happiness in striving after Heaven might remain miserable."

"His school system did not allow a second for play, and very few for exercise or repose; there was not a child who came in contact with eighteenth-century Methodism who must not have been the worse for it."

"From John Wesley's teaching, which spread from his own organisation to those of the Church of England and the Dissenting bodies, grew that form of religion which was to overwhelm the country for nearly 100 years, which was to produce the typical middle-class Victorian and the English Sunday."

"STUNNED THE POOR"

In a foreword, while declaring that Wesley helped to stabilise the social life of the times, the authoress writes:

"It has been estimated that in the period during which John Wesley worked nearly half the population were paupers; it was the unemployed, outcasts, and criminals to whom the great evangelist appealed, giving them religion as a crumb and a comfort; he is now placed with J. J. Rousseau and Samuel Richardson as one of the great forces that moved the emphasis from the head to the heart, from rationalism to emotionalism."

"Whether it was for good or evil that John Wesley so drugged and stunned the illiterate poor with his preaching of Hell fire, a sentimental 'love of God,' and his doctrine of a life lived according to rigid rules as the only means of salvation, may be a matter of dispute."

THE PROBLEM

"Whether he wrought harmfully or beneficially in fastening the clumps of a terrible superstition on the minds of the ignorant and impressionable people, whether his emphasis on self-denial, on austerity, on gloom, on an absorption in the idea of a vengeful God, was to the good or not of the national character, must be left in open debate, or referred to the historians who have so carefully and lucidly examined and expounded these matters."

Most of the book, however, is not concerned with this kind of criticism. "Wrestling Jacob" is published by Heinemann at 15s.

Last night I questioned leading Methodists on their opinions of the views expressed in the book.

Sir Josiah Stamp said: "It's all such old stuff, I'm surprised it has been trotted out again."

Sir Harold Bellman said: "The character and reputation of John Wesley are safe against such attacks."

South Africa Lacks Butter

Pretoria, South Africa. The export of butter to England is considered to be one of the reasons for the serious butter shortage which is being experienced throughout South Africa. More than two-thirds of the Union's production is exported to England.

Britain Buys More In Italy

Great Britain is selling less to Italy than Italy sells to her. This occurred for the first time in 1936, and all indications are that this trend will continue for the whole of 1937.

NORMA'S HUSBAND LEFT £893,000

Hollywood.

THE estate of Mr. Irving Thalberg, who died last year and who left the bulk of his fortune to his wife, Miss Norma Shearer, has been proved at £893,802 gross and £448,800 net. This is half of what film circles anticipated.

There are three trust funds on behalf of Miss Norma Shearer and her children, Irving and Katharine (who receive £120,000 each).

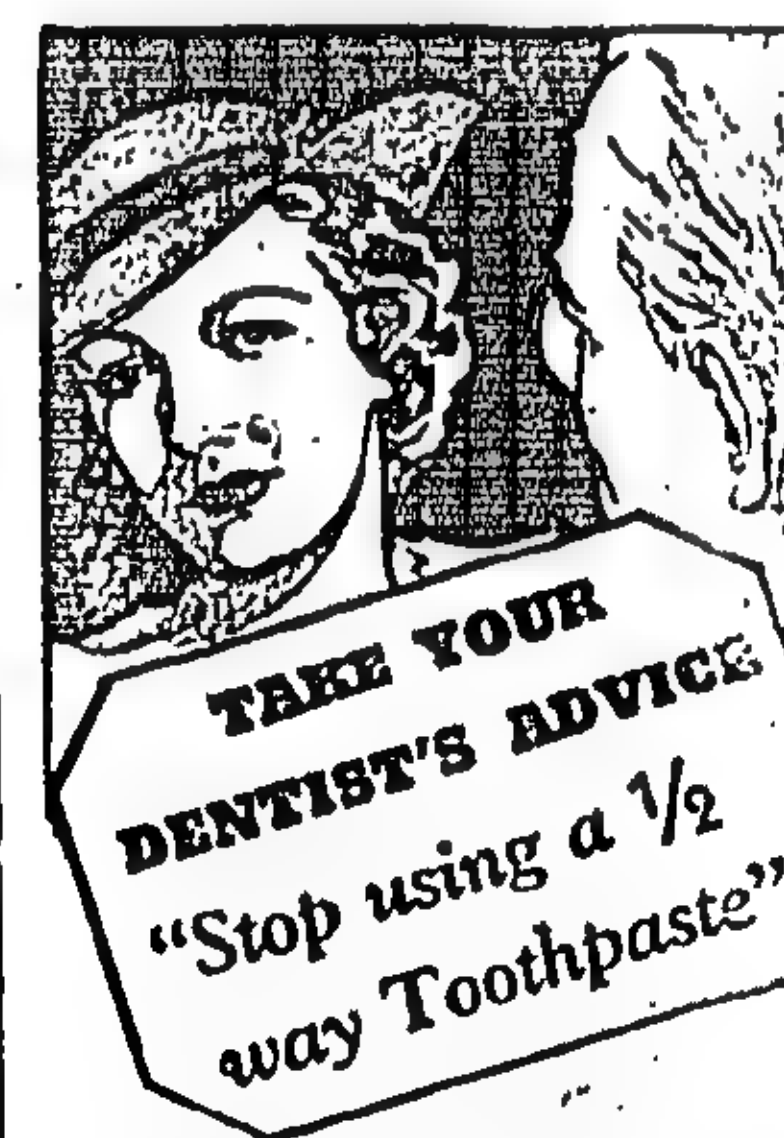
Mr. Thalberg left £73,200 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thalberg, his sister, uncle, and aunts.

Irving Thalberg rose in a few years from being a £3 a week typist to the most highly-paid and successful producer in Hollywood. He died suddenly at the height of his fame, and since then Miss Shearer has been living in retirement.

Soviet Has Women Judges

Moscow.

Thousands of women now work in the organs of justice in the U.S.S.R. Of these 913 are elected people's judges, 66—members of republican supreme courts, 124—members of regional and territorial courts, 106—procurators. There are many women also among examining magistrates.



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CHARLES HENRY ROGERS
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THE LIVINGSTONE

U.S. Industry Seeking To Revive Trade

Would Increase Production

New York, Dec. 8. Two thousand delegates attending a congress of American industry under the auspices of the National Association of Manufacturers, adopted a platform designed to promote business confidence and to make products available to more people, based on the thesis that progress could be maintained "only if industry produces more so that all can have more."

The programme also seeks freedom from Federal control, extension of high business standards, maintaining of the "open shop" while recognizing collective bargaining rights, seeking to eliminate seasonal "valleys" of production and employment, opposing Government collectivism and seeking internal peace.

The conference failed specifically to refer to existing legislation. However, it indicated opposition to the Wagner Act, taxation and tariff policies which are "increasing the imports of foreign goods competing with domestic industry and labour."

Inferentially the conference opposed the Wage and Hours Bill and urged greater use of Department of Commerce power to "support State child-labour laws," and also legislation for eliminating "sweat shops"—United Press.

APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION DISMISSED

Li Ting-fat appeared this morning before the Court of Appeal, with Sir Athol MacGregor, the Chief Justice, on the Bench. He was appealing against the conviction by Mr. Kennedy Skipton in Police Court, for having assaulted Li Yau-shi and Li Kau-mui on August 1 at the District Office South.

Mr. A. da Silva appeared for the appellant. He said the verdict was such that no reasonable jury, properly directed, would have found appellant guilty on the evidence. The appeal was dismissed.

TWO THIEVES WATCHED AT THEIR WORK

Walking casually into the Wing On Company yesterday afternoon, two Chinese, Yeung Kong and Wong Kam, both unemployed, stole a lady's handbag from the counter. They were followed by two district watchmen who witnessed the theft and as the two were about to leave the premises, they were arrested.

Yeung and Wong came before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning and were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each, and also recommended for banishment.

WEATHER WILL CONTINUE WARM

Slightly warmer weather was experienced this morning, the temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory being 68 degrees, as compared with 65 yesterday and 63 the day before. Humidity was 63, a rise of 14 per cent. over yesterday's corresponding reading.

The anti-cyclone has dispersed, leaving a ridge of moderately high pressure over the Eastern Sea and Japan. The typhoon is probably filling up.

Local forecast:—North-east winds, moderate, fine generally.

GIRL ARRESTED FOR SOLICITING

Betty Rogers, 24, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Sub-inspector C. S. Matherick said that he was approached by defendant last night in Queen's Road Central, near the China Building. She made a suggestion to him and after further conversation witness arrested her. The defendant denied everything and was remanded for 24 hours.

HEROIN DEALER SENT TO GAOL

Following a raid by the police on a house at Wing Lok Street, Tang Wing, was charged with possession of 401 heroin pills before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

He was fined \$500 or six months' imprisonment. Eighteen persons who were arrested on the premises during the raid are due for banishment.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—Ousebridge, Neleus, President Folk, Haas, Lianchow, Baron Behavien, Onas, Socratis, Glenfinlas, Hilda Moller, President McKinley, Rajputana, Minoo Maru, Jean Laborde, Anyo Maru, Tainan, Bokuyo Maru and Victoria.

TROOPER LEAVES

Dilwara. Receives Hearty Send-off

The Troopship Dilwara was given a hearty send-off at noon to-day, when she left for the United Kingdom, via Singapore, India and Malta, with officers and men of various units who have completed their service on here, including the whole of the 1st Bn. Ulster Rifles.

A large crowd of well-wishers was present on the wharf long before sailing time, where the Bands of the South Highlanders, the Middlesex Regiment and the Kumaon Rifles rendered appropriate music up to the time the ship left.

A pleasing scene was witnessed in the morning, when Lieut.-Col. J. Mulhearn, M.C., retiring Officer Commanding the 1st Bn. South Highlanders, was carried shoulder high on a chair by officers and men of the Battalion from the Officers' Mess to the entrance at Queen's Road, where the Band played "God Save the King." The popular officer, who left with Mrs. Mulhearn on the Dilwara, was given three lusty cheers as he drove off in a car.

The following embarked on the Troopship here:

FOR INDIA

1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.—Lt.-Col. R. M. Rodwell and wife, Major H. McL. Morrison, M.C., and wife, Captain R. J. Campbell and wife, B. J. Rimmer, M.C., and wife, G. H. K. Ryland and wife, D. Swinburne and wife, R. F. A. Crookshank and wife, I. H. Good and wife, F. W. Jowers, B. J. Jeffreys and wife, Lieutenants, P. J. Ashton and wife, A. W. Ward, G. D. Goings, I. C. Harris, C. A. B. Blinks, E. D. D. Wilson, B. J. Fitz, G. Denon, G. P. Rickford, 2/Lieutenants, T. B. H. Otway, E. F. Johnston, M. D. G. C. Ryan, J. Y. MacE. Ridgeway, Capt. (QM). C. D. Hamon and wife, R.S.M. C. Henniker and wife, Bandmaster H. Hole and wife, CSMs, W. McKelvey and wife, W. Burden and wife, S. Kirk and wife, W. McConkey, R. Corr, CQMJs, J. Clements and wife, C. Domy and wife; twelve Sergeants and families, four Lance-Sergeants and families, other N.C.O.s, and 431 details.

Q.A.I.M.S.—Sisters Wardle and Beardsworth.

FOR MALTA

Hongkong Brigade, H.K.S.R.A.—Lieut. N. W. McKeown, 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.—S/Sgt. Peckham and wife, WO. G. Balliff and wife, three Sergeants and their families; four details.

5th A.A. Brigade, R.A.—Five details.

FOR SINGAPORE

Royal Air Force.—One detail. Tientsin Area.—One detail.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM

8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.—WO. Bentley and wife; WO. Moy and wife.

5th A.A. Brigade, R.A.—BQMS. Leves and wife.

Royal Engineers.—Wife of late QMS. Holden and family.

QMS. Morston and wife, QMS. Clegg and wife, S/Sgt. A. Mandy and wife, S/Sgt. J. Finney and wife; eight details.

H.K.S.R.A.—Capt. F. J. C. Rybot.

2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers.—Lt. W. S. A. Clough-Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and family, Mesdames, Grinham, Price, George, Hares, Grindley, Thomas and Andrews, wives of N.C.O.s, with their families; four details.

1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment.—Capt. A. W. Clifton, Lieut. R. C. N. Bellers; four details.

1st Bn. South Highlanders.—Lieut.-Col. J. Mulhearn, Mrs. Mulhearn, child and nurse; Lieut. C. F. Allen and wife; four details.

1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.—BQMS. Manders and wife, Sgt. Todd and wife, E. Rich; and four details.

SMALL UNITS

R.A.S.C.—Lieut. (QM). W. J. Smith and wife, Lieut. (QM) A. C. Munckton, Cpl. Hopcroft and family.

R.A.N.C.—Capt. J. Boyle, Sgt. A. Hills and wife, Sgt. J. Oulton and wife; 12 details.

R.A.O.C.—Cdr. Bland and wife, Cdr. Andrews and wife, Armr. SM. H. Smith and wife, S/Sgt. D. Brown and wife, S/Sgt. J. Wykes and wife; four details.

R.A.P.C.—WO. F. J. Harman and wife, S/Sgt. G. Badger and wife, Sgt. R. Shaw and wife, one detail.

Corps of Military Police.—Two details.

Military Provost Staff Corps.—Wife of late Sgt. Peters and family.

The following miscellaneous passages.—Wife of Capt. S. D. Skinner and family, L/Sgt. D. Davies, Fus. T. P. Cullen, Pte. E. Reekes, L/Cpl. S. Crowley, and Mrs. Condy, Fus. Goodwin, wife of Sigm. Kelth, Royal Navy details (154).

MUI-TSAI HAVE NO COMPLAINT

Two married women refugees from Canton, were cautioned when they appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with keeping unregistered mui-tsai. They were Cheung Shuh-hing, 32, and Wan Yu-fong, 32.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said the two women were relatives, and both reported at the S.C.A. offices regarding their mui-tsai, one 10 years old and the other 13. They said they had come from Fatsan on October 4 because of the trouble. The girls were very well-treated and did not desire to return to their parents.

Senator Denounces Speculators

Fighting Spoach At Washington

Washington, Dec. 8. Senator Lewis to-day denounced "speculators, tricksters and conspirators" seeking to create a panic by "false cries of murky assaults upon the nation, its securities and its business."

He charged that some superior force was directing a campaign of criticism or "how else could there have been similar speeches on the same night at San Francisco, New York and New England?"

"Is it true that the effort to dishonour the present regulations is to produce another 1929-30 'bursting bubble and putting on the people disaster and dishonour?' he asked.—United Press.

JAPANESE FLEET STEAMS UP YANGTSE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Blown up late last night, though foreign observers touring the Chinese lines during the afternoon reported that the Japanese were still nine miles from the east gate.

The whole countryside, from the east wall southward, is burning, with the exception of the area around the former headquarters of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. The Chinese are not leaving a single green thing for the invaders.

Believe Tomb Is Safe The Superintendent of the Sun Yat-sen Park told the United Press: "Even the Japanese are not so uncivilized that they would desecrate this tomb."

Many detachments of Chinese troops are arriving from the front. Many of them are suffering from the effects of the bitter cold.

Fear Small Force Doomed Chinese sources state that about 300 Chinese troops on a hilltop about nine miles from Nanking, have been cut off and surrounded. The Japanese are setting fire to the brush near their position and are preparing to advance with tanks in this area. The trapped Chinese are given up as doomed.

On the Bund of Nanking the Chinese are erecting six machine-gun nests, behind sand-bags and barbed wire. These are just opposite the U.S.S. Panay.—United Press.

Firing Heard In Night

Nanking, Dec. 8. The splutter of machine-guns and occasional burst of shell-fire were heard during the night as the main bodies of the advancing Japanese army drew closer to Nanking. The feverish work of preparation of the defences of the city for whatever "devotion duty" on rapidly changing conditions, and one of the most ferocious and decisive battles of the whole war may be fought here within the next few hours. Defence positions for the most part are completed.

Chinese defenders have large stocks of ammunition and what is necessary, but supplies of rice. They are in a position to offer stout resistance, but whether they do more than that remains to be seen.

Looters are still being publicly shot and their bodies left on exhibition as a warning to others. The Post Office is closed but the telephone service is still in operation inside the city.

The Japanese are busy moving up supplies, including siege guns, preparatory to storming the city if the defenders refuse to capitulate, as demanded.

Vanguards At Outer Wall

The Japanese vanguards are now in position at many points outside the city walls. They are in the neighbourhood of the High Gate, which has eighteen gates and is 30 miles in circumference. Among the gates which they have approached is the Kwanghuamen, or the Gate of Glory.

An ominous air broods over the capital. All civilians have been ordered to move to the so-called safety zone, which the Japanese still refuse to recognise and there is a possibility of a frightful holocaust if the battle spreads into and through the city proper. This causes the authorities much concern.

Actually all Nanking is declared to be a war zone.

Burning All Cover

In order to deprive the Japanese of all cover, the Chinese are setting fire to many of the buildings around the capital and many beautiful homes in Sun Yat-sen Park have gone up in flames. During the night the fires lighted the sky.

Much sporadic fighting is taking place in the hills between the retreating Chinese and the steadily advancing Japanese, but the real battle for Nanking has not yet begun.

Foreigners Take Precautions

Last night, as a precautionary measure, the remaining members of the British, French, German and American Embassies left aboard ships in the river. However, they intend to go ashore every day as long as the situation permits.

H.M.S. Scorpion and H.M.S. Cricket have gone a short distance up the river and are now moored alongside the Ewo hulk.

There are very few foreigners remaining ashore, and most of them are

AIR LINER TRAGEDY

Radio Operator Burns To Death

Paris, Dec. 8. A Marseilles air liner crashed to-day owing to a forced landing in fog, as a result of which the radio operator, Jean Jone, was burned to death, the pilot, Paul Riffer was seriously injured, and three passengers and attendant were slightly injured.—United Press.

RIFLES SEIZED BY JAPANESE

Kwok Ying-chung and Kwok Ying-luk, masters of two fishing junks, have reported to the police that their junks were boarded by Japanese sailors at Lo Ling Wan, Pinghoi, when four rifles were taken from each boat.

The incident happened at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, when the junks were anchored and were hailed by a Japanese cruiser. Thirteen sailors then came alongside by sampans, went on board and took the rifles away. No damage was done to the junks.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Antismok	Prices in Pesos
Atok	Business Done
Baguio Gold	19
Benaguio Gold	Una
Coco Grove	Una
Consolidated Mines	Una
Democrat	Una
I.X.M.	Una
Paracale Gumau	Una
Sarungay	Una
Suyo	Una
United Paracale	Una
The tone of the market—Very Dull.	

BISHOP OF NANKING IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 8. The Rt. Rev. Yu Pin, Bishop of Nanking, arrived here by air to-day and is proceeding to New York on Saturday.—Reuter.

RECRUITING GAINS

Intake of recruits for all arms in the regular Army during the last week was 540, an increase of 42 over the corresponding week last year.—British Wireless.

connected with hospitals or the so-called safety zone.

Continuing Peace Efforts

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Fighting was going on last night in the hills surrounding Nanking. The Japanese are trying to drive spearhead attacks towards the outer city walls.

The Chinese continue to burn beautiful new residences between the inner and outer walls in order to deprive the Japanese of cover. In the meantime the Chinese press reports that the German Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, is continuing his mediatory efforts and that there are many indications that Chinese leaders are anxious to talk peace.—Reuter.

Heavy Fighting Starts

Nanking, Dec. 9. Fierce fighting is raging around Shunhuashan, 12 kilometres outside the Kwanghuamen Gate of Nanking, and at Nishoushan, 15 kilometres south of Nanking, and Tangshan in the east suburbs.

Throwing their main weight on Shunhuashan, the Japanese numbering 2,000, launched three vigorous attacks on the town yesterday. They were assisted by about 30 tanks and a number of bombing planes. The houses and trees were first blasted with heavy gunfire to deprive the Chinese of cover. Then, after further artillery and aerial bombardment of the Chinese positions, the Japanese infantry advanced under the protection of tanks. But they were held back by the Chinese crack division responsible for the defence of this town.

It was estimated that about 500 Japanese were killed or wounded whilst Chinese casualties numbered 270, including one brigadier-general wounded and 14 company-commanders either killed or wounded.

Battalion Wiped Out

During the bitter engagement at Nishoushan a Chinese battalion was wiped out by the Japanese furious artillery fire, but another battalion was immediately rushed up to guard the position. About 20 Japanese bombers bombed the villages around the hill, reducing them to a shambles.

Severe Casualties

Japanese suffered about 300 casualties at this point but Chinese casualties were understood to be even heavier, including two battalion commanders killed and two regimental commanders wounded.

One thousand Japanese troops at Mantangshan, at the foot of Tangshan, whose rear was cut off by a Chinese division on the night of December 7, succeeded in securing reinforcements yesterday morning and engaged the enveloping Chinese forces at close quarters. This column of Japanese troops aims at menacing the immediate suburbs of Nanking and compelling the Chinese forces at Chinchiang to withdraw.—Central News.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Saloon	Nanning	December 9.
U.S.A., Canada, and Japan (Seattle, 20th November)	Pres. McKinley	December 10.
Java and Manila	Tingora	December 10.
Australia and Manila	Changio	December 11.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 11.
date, 1st December,		
Japan	Bokuyo Maru	December 11.
Hankow	G. G. Paul Doumer	December 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tainan	December 11.
Manila	Victor	December 12.
Saloon	Athos II	December 12.
Straits	Delagoa Maru	December 12.
Amoy	Tjlsroca	December 12.
Straits	Diomed	December 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 4th December	Imperial Airways Plane	December 14.
Amoy	Santhia	December 14.
Japan	Sarpedon	December 14.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 14.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
*Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs., Dec. 9, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Paracale	Thurs., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
	Talma	Thurs., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane		Fri., Dec. 10.
Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 10, 9 a.m.
Kanton and (Pakhoi via Kanton)	Reg.	Dec. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Japan	On Lee	Fri., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 27th December, and Europe via Siberia.	Parcels	Dec. 10, 11 a.m.
Manila	Reg.	Dec. 10, 12.15 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Reg.	Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
Saloon and Amoy only for Germany via Hamburg.	Canton	Fri., Dec. 10, 2 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 20th December.	Halton	Wed., Dec. 10, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 14th December.	Neckar	Fri., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Imperial Airways Plane	Fri., Dec. 10.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 8 a.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 14th December.	Reg.	Dec. 11, 8 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 8 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Rajputana	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 10.
South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th January 1938.	Reg.	Fri., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Dec. 11, 9.45 a.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday

Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Sat., Dec. 11, 8.15 a.m.
Kanton and (Pakhoi via Kanton)	Fook On	Sat., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Victoria	Sat., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Sat., Dec. 11.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 19th December.	Reg.	Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 10 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kingyuan	Sat., Dec. 11, 3.30 p.m.
*Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Belra, Mauritius, Laurence-Marques and South Africa.	Bontekoe	Sat., Dec. 11

CLEVER A.D.C. SHOW

"OUTWARD BOUND" SCORES HIT

Among other things, all of which are to their credit, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has built up a reputation for producing plays which cut across the common rut of drama, comedy and melodrama, and which test to the full the interpretative ingenuity of the company. The reputation is sustained in the Club's latest offering "Outward Bound," which had its premiere at the China Flect Club before an exceptionally big audience.

That the audience generally liked the play and thoroughly enjoyed the A.D.C.'s translation of it was evident from the warm and spontaneous applause.

One would not say "Outward Bound" was the ideal type of play for an amateur theatrical company, because the appeal of the play must, to a point, be limited. Not everyone can stomach the idea of a group of dead people, gradually realising they are dead and nearing a crisis when they will have to answer for the manner in which they lived, reveal their reactions to the situation in everyday terms of speech. The more imaginative will find the conception thrilling and exciting, and will revel in the dramatic possibilities. Others, quite justifiably, could find the play meaningless, for it is a theme which travels close to the supernatural and metaphysical and is therefore almost bound to create varying reactions.

IMAGINATIVELY INTERPRETED

The play is lively in conception and as imaginatively interpreted. Once again, that splendid quality of all A.D.C. productions, balance in the cast, is an important determining factor in the success of the show. There is an ideal blending of histrionic ability and staccato which leaves one with a decidedly pleasant sensation of having witnessed sincere, and at times, compelling performances.

Phyllis Henderson gives a finely modulated performance of the one-time harlot who through cunning and ingenuity has managed to find her way to Society and naturally becomes an insufferable snob in the process. Nigel Waymouth, still vividly remembered for his Danny in "Night Must Fall," again makes good use of a dramatic study, although there is a tendency to overdo things in the second act, when he realises the appalling position he is in. His best work—and it is indeed very fine—is given in the first act, when he becomes slowly, but very deliberately, inebriated.

A delightful study is given by John Abbott as the Rev. William Duke, a typically conventional young parson, who "goes off the deep end" when he realises he is dead, and then reacts just as sharply when he further realises the incongruity of his position as a parson.

Philip Mason was compelling as Mr. Linsley, the self-made business man, whose judgment day was in keeping with his life on earth (or so it seemed) and Maude Mather gave several intelligent and shrewd touches to her characterisation as Mrs. Midget, which ranked her as an actress rather above the ordinary among the amateur fraternity.

The most difficult parts were in the hands of Myrtle Brown (Practical Nigel), for there were long scenes in which they had nothing to say, but

London Stock Exchange Irregular

London, Dec. 8. On the Stock Exchange to-day, Brazilian bonds were good and Indian iron, supported by gilt-edged stocks, met investment buying. Home Rails were encouraged by the satisfactory traffic returns. Otherwise the very quiet conditions caused some irregularity in price movements. Commodities and wheat eased on Russian and Australian selling. Jute was firm on bear covering, and Wall Street opened firm.—Reuter Special.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
Paris	147.70	147.70
Geneva	121.00	121.00
Berlin	12.40	12.39
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95	94 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	10.10	10.10
Helsingfors	22.10	22.10
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	5.00	4.99 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	4.08 1/2	4.08 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/10 1/4	1/10 1/4
Bombay	4.10 1/4	4.09 1/2
Montreal	29.40 1/2	29.39 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (Forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	107 1/4	107 1/4

—British Wireless.

EXCHANGE

	Selling	1s.	2 1/2
T.T. London	1s.	2 1/2	2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4
T.T. India	82	82	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
T.T. Saigon	9.10	9.10	9.10
T.T. Germany	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/10 1/4	1/10 1/4	1/10 1/4

had to sustain the mystery surrounding them by their presence on the stage. Later they had much to say, but the author gave them poor lines with considerable repetition. Both players came out of the test with a great deal of credit.

Cyril Champkin, who appreciates the art of understatement and therefore never fails to score no matter what part he takes, gave a performance of distinct merit and charm, and Cyril Brown, with a part which must have made him scratch his head in puzzlement, for it opened up almost unlimited means of sheer melodrama or even worse, serio-comedy, emerged with flying colours with as neat an interpretation as one could wish.

The ingenious guiding hand of Cyril Brown, the producer, was apparent throughout the play, which can in truth be written down as another distinct A.D.C. success.—S.A.G.

ATTLEE FACES CENSURE VOTE IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Clement Attlee, who with Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Noel Baker, leaves Barcelona to-day for England, will face a censure motion in the House of Commons, tabled by a Conservative M.P. on the grounds that he announced he will convene a meeting in London to inform the people about the facts of the situation in "Unbeaten," invincible Republican Spain.—Reuter.

ATTLEE DEFENDED

Barcelona, Dec. 8. Miss Ellen Wilkinson in an interview, repudiated the suggestion that Mr. Clement Attlee had said or done anything which might be interpreted as a breach of faith. She said that the meeting mentioned in the proposed motion of censure was arranged six weeks ago.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR

The following warships were in harbour yesterday: South Wall, H.M.S. Grimsby and Herald; East Wall, H.M.S. Ous, Pannora, Tarantula and Iroquois; North Arm, H.M.S. Atedway and submarines; West Wall, H.M.S. Cumberland; Lock, H.M.S. Defender, Decoy and Regulus; No. 3 buoy, H.M.S. Westcott; No. 6 buoy, H.M.S. Adventure; No. 7 buoy, H.M.S. Regent and Rover; No. 8 buoy, H.M.S. Duncan; No. 10 buoy, H.M.S. Olympus and Rainbow; No. 12 buoy, H.M.S. Sandwich and Thurston.

Foreign Men-of-War: Chinese, C.M.C. Cruisers (15), Gunboats (2) and Transports (2).

QUESTIONS NEW MALAYA TARIFF

London, Dec. 8. Replying to Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) regarding the Malayan textile quotas which were outlined last week, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said the initiative came from the local Government after a very full investigation.

Sir Percy asked whether it was merely an official majority which had approved of the proposal and Mr. Ormsby-Gore said it was presumably worked out by the Customs, which had to deal with these matters.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he did not think the new arrangement would increase prices.—Reuter.

WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 8. The Board of Trade Index of wholesale prices in November was 1.9 per cent. lower than in October. The decline followed a fall of 0.5 per cent. in October and slight falls in September and August, the aggregate decline over four months being 2.7 per cent.—British Wireless.

LORDS STUDY ROAD PROBLEM

The House of Lords to-day debated the road safety question and passed a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to review the whole subject and suggest further means to reduce road casualties.—British Wireless.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

	Banks
H.K. Banks	\$1,500 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£91 b.
Chartered Bank	£12 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	£32 n.
Mercantile Bank, C.	£15 n.
East Asia Bank	\$20 n.

	Insurance
Canton Ins.	\$27 1/2 n.
Union Ins.	\$318 1/2 n.
Kia Underwriters	\$150 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$246 n.

	Shipping
Douglas	\$48 1/4 n.
H.K. Steamboats	\$8 n.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$51 n.
Indo-China (Det.)	\$43 n.
Shell Bearer	\$1/4 1/2 n.
Union Waterboats	\$9.30 n.

	Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$28.50 n.
Providents (old)	\$2.05 n.
Providents (new)	\$5 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh.	Shanghai Docks, Sh.
Kailan Mining Adm.	18/4 n.
Rauhs	\$8.30 n.
Venz: Goldfield	\$5 n.

	Philippine Mining
Antamok	P. 50 n.
Atoks	P. 17 n.
Baguio Gold	P. 17 n.
Benguet Consol.	9.70 n.
Benguet Explor.	P. 17 n.
Rig Widge	P. 17 n.
Coco Grove	P. 30 n.

	Consolidated Mines
Demonstrations	P. 37 1/2 n.
E. Mindanao	P. 17 n.
Guantanamo	P. 17 n.
Gold	P. 17 n.
I.L.L.	P. 57 n.
Hogons	P. 17 n.
Masbate Consols.	P. 17 n.
Min. Resources	P. 17 n.
North Star	P. 17 n.
Paracale Gumaus	P. 17 n.
San Mateo	P. 17 n.
San Mateo Consol.	P. 15 1/2 n.
United Paracale	P. 40 n.
Yap's Water	P. 17 n.
H. and S. Hotels	\$5.20 n.
H.K. Lands	\$32 n.
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben	\$100 n.
Shai Lands	Sh. 17 n.
Metropolitan Lands	Sh. 17 n.
Humphries	\$8 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	\$4.85 n.
Chinese Estates	\$88 n.
China Realities	Sh. 17 n.
China Deben	Sh. 17 n.

	Public Utilities
H. K. Tramways	\$13.30 b.
Peak Tram (old)	\$7 1/2 n.
Peak Tram (new)	\$3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$11 1/2 n.
Yauwatt Ferries (old)	\$25 1/2 n.
China Light (old)	\$11.30 n.
China Light (new)	\$11 n.
H.K. Electric	\$54 n.
Macao Electric	\$20 n.
Sandakan Lights	\$3 b.
Telephone (old)	\$20 1/2 n.
Telephone (new)	\$3.30 n.
China Buses	Sh. 17 n.
Singapore Tractions	23/0 n.
Singapore Pref.	23/- n.

	Industrials
Cald: Macg. (old)	Sh. 17 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. 17 n.
Cement	\$12.50 b.
H.K. Ropes	\$3.80 n.
Stora	Sh. 17 n.
Dairy Farm	\$24 n.
Watsons	\$4.70 b.
Lane Crawford	\$80 n.
Sinceres	\$1.75 n.
Wing On	\$1.70 n.
Wm. Powell	75 cts. n.

	Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons	Sh. 13 1/4 n.
Shai Cottons (old)	Sh. 57 n.
Zongong Sings	Sh. 17 n.
Wing On Textiles	Sh. 17 n.
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainments	\$5.00 b.
Constructions (old)	\$1.60 n.
Constructions (new)	\$1.00 n.
Vibro Pilling	\$8 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 G.S.Ds.	73% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm.	n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1 1/4% prm.	n.
Wallace Harpers	\$5 s.
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.)	s/- 21 1/2 n.
Marsmans Ins. (H.K.)	s/- 4/0 n.
China Lights Rights	\$5 b.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 8. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

	New York Cotton
Dec.	17.70/10
Jan.	7.04/04
Mar.	7.89/89
May	7.93/93
July	7.99/99
Oct.	8.03/03
Spot	8.08

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

	New York Rubber
Dec.	15.27 n.
Mar.	15.33/31
May	15.43/43
July	15.50/50
Sept.	15.57/57
Sales for the day	1,220 tons.
The last Notice Day for December Rubber	is Dec. 29.

	Chicago Wheat
Dec.	87 1/2/87 1/2
May	82 1/2/82 1/2
July	80 1/2/80 1/2
Tuesday's sales	20,539,000 bushels.

	Chicago Corn
Dec.	84 1/2/84 1/2
May	57 1/2/57 1/2
July	58 1/2/58 1/2
The last Notice Day for December Grains	is Dec. 30.

	Winnipeg Wheat
Dec.	119 1/2/119 1/2
May	114 1/2/114 1/2
July	111 1/2/111 1/2
The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat	is Dec. 31.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Dec. 8. S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day reflects some realising, but maintains a firm tone and a further irregular advance is likely.

Cotton: The failure of the Government estimates of 18,746,000 bales to lower the market is construed as reflecting large absorption by the Loan, which may eventually tighten the "spot" situation.

Wheat: The action of December position reflects the light primary receipts. Washington estimates the Argentine crop at 180,000,000 bushels, confirming the recent damage report. The extreme cold in our own South-West is unfavourable to the crop there. It is rumoured that both Germany and France contemplate early purchases here, but there was no export to-day.

Corn: Exports are reported to be over 1,000,000 bushels. The cash position is strong.

Rubber: The market is quiet and featureless.

Sugar: The market is stagnant, but prices are steady.

S. C. & F. Dow-Jones summary of yesterday's market: Although there was virtually no news to induce a bullish sentiment, to-day's buying was based on the hope that "something would be done" shortly for railroad, utility and building companies. Utility securities hardened on reports of imminent good news, although President Roosevelt is deterring his utility conferences. The General Motor Company is reported to have made the best November sales in the Company's history.

Stocks on the Curb Exchange were higher, but trading was quiet. Bonds were higher and fairly active. Government issues were also higher.

Wall Street Journal morning comment: There is growing sentiment that higher stock prices are indicated, with even bears expecting further gains before any important market decline.

It is expected that steel operations, now weak may improve slightly. There are some stubborn short positions in General Motor, Telephone, Steel and Chrysler Motor shares.

It is reported that London interests are buying copper shares.

Traders believe that some stocks are oversold, including Chrysler. Dow Jones Averages Dec. 7. Close 30 Industrials 128.31 128.60 20 Rails 32.03 32.64 20 Utilities 22.30 22.52 20 Bonds 93.38 93.72 11 Commodity Index 53.50 53.82

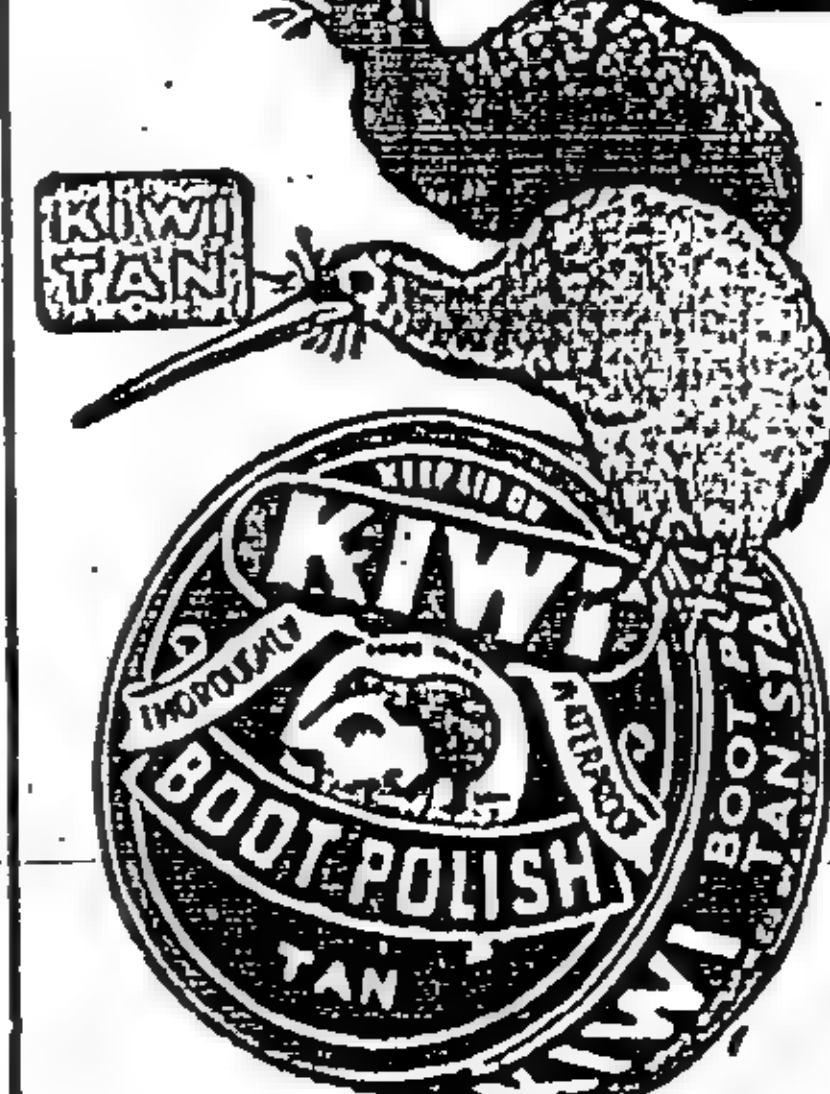
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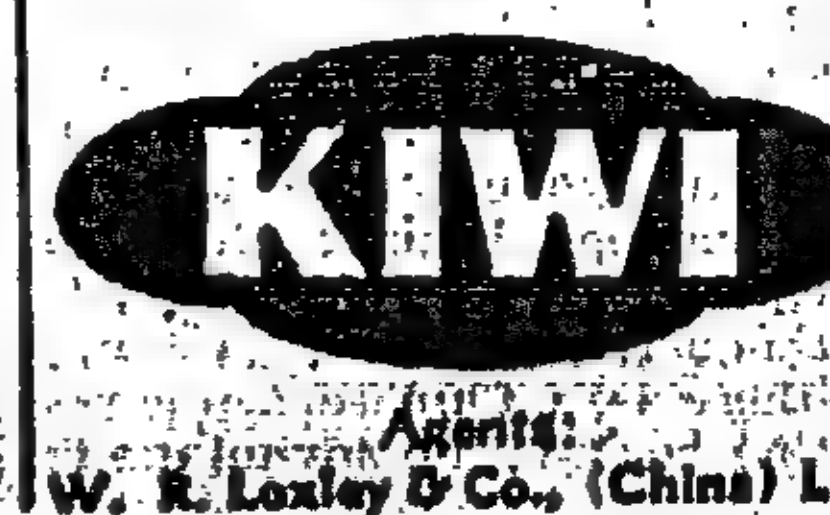
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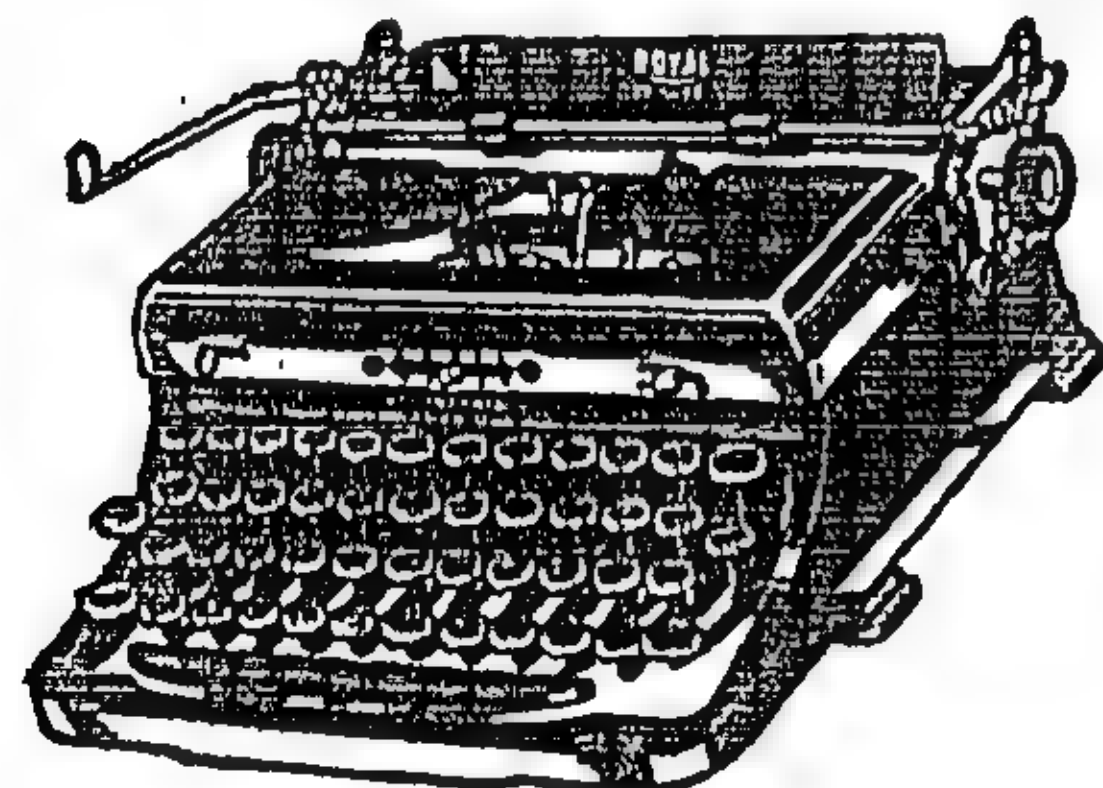
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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Whether China fights or surrenders, her future is not exactly bright. She is faced with unpleasant choices of conduct. For the moment the decision rests with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the responsibility may change hands, if rumours from the North mean anything. Whether Marshal Chiang goes or stays, may make no difference to the issue of peace or war. There are still men of spirit in the Central Government, but it is certain that the retirement of the Generalissimo would make the prospect of successful peace negotiations considerably brighter. It is very likely that any terms which Japan may offer will include the demand for the Marshal's resignation, and compliance in this one thing would possibly gain China a better bargain in surrender.

Unpleasant as it is, surrender is the only word applicable. Peace will be on Japan's terms. They are bound to be severe. Will China accept them?

The situation forbids predictions. If the war is to continue it is probable that Japan will make a formal declaration of hostilities, declare the Central Government outlawed and proceed to set up a puppet regime at Nanking just as has been done in Manchukuo and, on a smaller scale, in Shanghai. The next development would probably be the occupation of sea-ports, Canton included. This would entail a struggle, an enormous expenditure of men and money, and a scattering of Japan's resources over a vast front. It is inevitable that the coast cities would be doomed. The Japanese Navy is in a position to shell them almost at will and could thus subdue resistance. With the coast-line patrolled the pressure which Japan could apply would be enormous and her hand would be greatly strengthened when it came to negotiating peace. But even the complete severance of China's communications by sea would not mean the defeat of that country. The back door would still be open and aid, even if it takes the form of nothing more substantial than munitions and aircraft, would be available from Russia. So the situation is not hopeless from the point of view of the Chinese who wish to continue the struggle.

But argument for peace is strong. It can be said without much fear of contradiction that in a matter of months Japan will have gone far enough in her campaign against China to commence to consolidate herself in conquered territory. As long as there is a Chinese army resisting her and the advantage is

on her side, there will be no possibility of the invaded areas returning to Chinese administration. They may be lost to China in any event, of course, but there is a chance that much of the land now occupied could be regained under a peace treaty. Then there is the question of China's economic position. How long can the country buy arms to resist if Japan holds her seaports? Would Russia finance her campaign? Are foreign powers prepared to extend unlimited credit when the prospect of repayment is very uncertain? It seems that the answer must be negative in every case. What will China gain by continuing the war? Self-respect and the admiration, or perhaps pity, of other nations are difficult things to value. She may, it is true, win more than moral support from some other power or group of powers if she continues to fight, but it must be said that that hope is a small one. Alone she cannot hope to defeat Japan in the field. Her one chance of victory is that Japan will exhaust herself and call a halt to her campaign, eventually withdrawing from Chinese soil.

It is these possibilities which Marshal Chiang and his colleagues are pondering at the moment. They will reach within the next few days will affect China's whole destiny, and possibly the entire future of Asia. At the moment it seems that China must be prepared to lose Marshal Chiang, or Marshal Chiang may lose China.

Garage-Hand by Day.. STAR by NIGHT

By John Bourne

Playwright, producer,
adjudicator, and editor of
"The Amateur Theatre."

DURING the day, John Smith is a miner; in the evening he is an actor. John Smith's daughter is a school teacher; but also she is an actress.

John Smith has a brother who was a miner but is now unemployed—that is, during the day.

At night he, too, "walks the boards." Even John Smith's wife is a costumer.

The picture is no exaggeration. In all parts of England all sorts and conditions of people, sometimes whole families, are turning to the stage. The amateur season has begun.

The amateur actor of 1937 is entirely different from the happy-go-lucky player of 1900.

Then, the amateurs, cajoling their friends and fond relatives into buying tickets for their shows, were mainly copyists of the professional stage, having fun at other people's expense, and doing it largely as a social or Society function.

Now, large numbers of them are genuine students of drama striving to keep flesh and blood acting alive in places where there are no theatres and where, but for their efforts, plays would never be seen. By reason of hard work at drama schools and the introduction of the producer, amateur acting has greatly improved. It is much more of a communal effort in which people of all classes gather together to experiment with original plays or to produce established successes.

SHAW and Priestley are high in the list of favourite dramatists, and among the works of other authors that will be widely acted during the coming season are *Spring Tide*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Call it a Day*, *Distinguished Gathering*, *The Unquiet Hour*, *Love From A Stranger*, and *Night Must Fall*.

The latest play to be released is *Love On The Dole*. Ronald Gow dramatised it from the novel by Walter Greenwood, who was on the "dole" when he wrote it, and in Mr. Gow's own words, "shivered in a Salford attic during the hard winter of 1932."

Amateur actors abound. No census has ever been taken of them, but at the lowest estimate there exist no fewer than 20,000 dramatic societies.

They range from the big operative societies performing for a week at a time in full-sized

theatres or cinemas to little village groups performing in old army huts or schoolrooms.

Children, too, now act in large numbers occasionally as part of their school curriculum. There has lately arisen a "Theatre of Youth" with Dame Sybil Thorn-dike as president.

The movement is certainly intense—especially among the smaller groups. These, anxious to be independent, are struggling to possess their own headquarters.

Already some strange buildings have been transformed into "little theatres"—a barn, a laundry, an old garage, a disused railway station, a cellar, a chapel, a cow-shed.

In them stages have been built, with great economy, and everything—from the scenery to the seats—has been made or "picked up cheap."

ON the other hand, amateurs with rather more resources have set up comfortable and fully-equipped theatres of their own, notably at Dundee, Altrincham and Southport.

The Southport Little Theatre, opened recently, has cost nearly £15,000, and seats 400.

Unemployed groups are numerous. One such toured the dis-

tressed areas in Wales and the North, using an old lorry (given them by a benefactor) as a stage and sleeping out.

Others meet regularly in the Unemployed Workers' Centres, frequently to act improvised plays or works of their own writing.

The National Council of Social Service has several drama advisers whose time is chiefly taken up with visiting unemployed centres and acting as producers. A workless group recently built their own stage from old railway sleepers and used blankets from their own beds as a "curtain" background.

On the Left, the Unity Theatre Club has inaugurated a theatre movement, frankly propagandist, which already has close contact with 150 similar groups in various parts of the country.

The International Pax Players' Association, with a Scottish offshoot, is desirous to develop the peace play, and has already organised a peace-propaganda festival.

All-women societies have grown rapidly during the last few years, sometimes coming into open competition at the drama festivals and gaining awards. Playwrights have,



A typical situation for an amateur actor—after work in his garage he becomes Captain Arthur Donagall in "Florodora."

Indeed, found it profitable to turn their attention to the all-women play, both one-act and full-length.

Sometimes there are incongruities, especially when women attempt male characterisation. Not long ago an all-women society seriously debated whether it should attempt

Journey's End. The fact remains, however, that all-women casts have played *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Hamlet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Henry the Fourth* and *Romeo and Juliet*. While most Women's Institutes prefer to keep their casts entirely to their members, some do not disdain the help of men.

Dramatic festivals are growing in popularity. That organised on a national scale by the British Drama League is the biggest, with about 700 entries per annum.

One-act plays only are performed in this festival, and by a process of elimination five "teams" from five different parts of Great Britain are chosen to play in a final, generally held at the Old Vic.

AT the final early this year a company entirely composed of miners came from Scotland and was placed second for its performance of Joe Corrie's *Flowers of Coal*.

There is a move this season to transfer this final to Glasgow during the time of the Empire Exhibition.

Independent festivals, usually held for a week at a time, are locally organised in certain centres, sometimes with the support of the Corporation. Both one-act and full-length plays are performed.

Among the towns and cities regularly running such events are Buxton, Blackpool, Doncaster, Scarborough, Morecambe, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Skipton and Welwyn Garden City.

Wales is strong in drama weeks. In one case the local cinema was bought out for six days so that stage plays could take the place of films.

The three chief organisations advising all this activity are the British Drama League, the Scottish Community Drama Association and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. The movement also has its own magazine, "The Amateur Theatre and Playwrights' Journal."

WHERE it is all leading nobody can foretell. But there is no doubt that amateur acting to-day is a great class leveller, since "mixing" is essential to success. It is also a valuable corrective to the routine life so many people lead in factories, mines, shops and offices.

Apart from the fun of it and the service it renders in keeping drama alive, it has its psychological use in making mounds into mistresses, clerks into kings and miners into directors—if only for a night.

To-day's Thought
HEAVEN never helps the man who will not act.
—SOPHOCLES.

Auld Donal', The Cabby

IN the leisurely days before the advent of the motor car, a certain top-hatted worthy known as Auld Donal' acted as charioteer for many travellers.

He occupied the best stance near the station, by fair means or foul, and plied a very successful trade, chiefly because of his "gift of the gab" and his determination never to let a potential customer elude him.

His white side-whiskers contrasted strikingly with his fiery face and he wore a tight-fitting tail-coat, almost green with age. Auld Donal' himself was weighed down with years and "sair trauchled wi' the rheumatics," but he never lost his zeal for his trade, and vowed that he would rather die in his cab than in his bed. His ramshackle equipage bore the same evidence of having seen better days, and Tam Tirl, his old grey horse, seemed to be suffering from the same disease as its master. Yet it valiantly hobbled along, and was always certain to reach its destination some time or another.

Between the fares Auld Donal' would sit on the box, idly flourishing the whip that he would never dream of using on Tam Tirl, and smoking an antiquated cutty pipe. But his keen eyes were ever on the look-out for customers, and once he had spied a likely fare, he would crack his whip to attract attention.

"Cab, sir, cab?" was his cry. "Here ye are! Tam Tirl an' me are ready to take ye anywhere ye want—free Land's End to John o' Groats, gin ye like. Just step inbye an' say the word. There's no mair shair-atted beast on the roads than Tam Tirl. See at him cockin' his lug! Step inbye, sir, or he'll be rare affrontit. That's rich! In wi' ye! Haud tight! Noo we're off!"

The bumpiness of the roads in those days, combined with the sad state of the springs in Auld Donal's equipage, accounted for many hazardous

journeys, but the old cabby had become such a popular character that travellers were willing to forgo comfort for the sake of having his entertaining company.

So fond of his horse was the old cabby that in stormy weather he would rather get drenched to the skin himself than let Tam Tirl suffer.

Often he would take off his old topcoat to put on the horse's back; and a rival cabby was once heard to remark to him, "It's a wonder ye dinna leave that beast o' yours at home an draw the cab yersel'."

Auld Donal' made short shrift of his rivals. The more up-to-date their carriages and the fresher their horses, the greater his scorn. As he waited for a fare, he would voice his disgust loud enough for the whole street to hear.

On the subject of tips the old cabby held some strange opinions. He would take none for himself, and, indeed, waxed very indignant at the idea. But he was always careful to add, "Gin ye like to throw in a sax-pence for Tam Tirl, I'll no' see it goun past him. But, mind ye, it's no' for masel' I'll gie him an sixtain helpin' o' corn the night for treat. Noo, then, Tam Tirl, and your held to the gentleman."

Who benefited in the long run it was difficult to tell, but Auld Donal' was reckoned by the other cabbies to be "scurvy rowdy" in spite of his dilapidated appearance. He never retired to enjoy his wealth, however, but was often heard to remark that "As lang as Tam Tirl can tak the road ye'll find me on the box."

Fortunately for the old cabby's pride, his day was done before the motor car arrived to oust him from his place. But there were many who would have given up the swifter mode

of travelling for the privilege of a bumpy journey in his old cab and the pleasure of hearing again the pawk remarks he addressed to Tam Tirl.

Lavinia Stewart.

WOMAN SAYS "PARNELL WAS MY FATHER . . .

AND NOW MY MONEY HAS GONE"

"He Was Kind To Us But We Were Afraid"

(By A Special Correspondent)

A woman who claims to be the last child of Charles Stewart Parnell, the famous Irish politician, and Katie O'Shea is living almost penniless with her husband in a shabby London house.

She is Mrs. Katharine Moule, aged 52, who keeps a boarding-house in Mornington-crescent, Camden Town, N.W.

In a bleak bedroom at the top of the house, which she lets for 12s. 6d. a week when she can, she told me her story.

"I was born on November 27, 1884," she said, "to Kate O'Shea and Charles Stewart Parnell. I am the third and last of their children."

"Claude Sophie, their first, was born, and died, in 1887, and Clare, who died 20 years ago, was born in 1889, so I am the last of their children and the nearest relative to Parnell living to-day."

"Claude Sophie is the only baby of Parnell my mother mentions in her book of his life, and none of us is mentioned in reference books."

LIKE HER MOTHER

"I was born at my mother's house at Eltham, Kent. My father was particularly fond of me because I was the baby most like my mother and had her grey eyes. Clare and Sophie had brown eyes and were like him."

"I clearly remember leaving Eltham after my mother's Aunt 'Ben' died in 1888. We went to live at Walsingham-terrace, Brighton, and felt very important when we heard people whispering, 'That is Parnell's house.'"

"My first memory of my father was seeing him seated at his writing desk in the dining-room. He looked so grave and rather terrifying with his dark beard and pale, and face. He was always very kind to us, but we thought him rather serious. He always seemed worried and gloomed, and we were a little afraid of him."

"He had a telescope and used to study the stars. He said in the stars lived the spirits of people dead. I also clearly remember a pestle and mortar he had which used to fascinate me. He used it for chemical experiments."

"When I was seven I could read quite well, and when he was ill he liked me to read aloud to him. I read, of all things, 'The Last Days of Pompeii.'"

THE WEDDING

"But he and my mother were desperately happy in 1891 when her divorce from Capt. O'Shea was finally through and they were married at Stuyvesant Register Office. I was only seven, but I can remember that day, June 28, very clearly."

"The horror and sadness of the home when Parnell died in my mother's arms the same year they were married, I shall never forget."

"I saw Parnell for the last time when we children were being shepherded up to the nursery. I, curious, peeped through the door of his room and saw his pale, racked face on the pillow."

"My mother always called him 'Mister.' He called her 'Katie.' I lived with my mother until 1907 when I married Major Louis Horsford D'Oyley Moule. In 1910 he had to leave for West Africa, where he was appointed district commissioner."

"In 1921 my mother died and members of the O'Shea family, with whom I was brought up, very popular, took my silence as callousness. I was numb with unhappiness. She was wonderful to her children. No one could have had a better mother."

"She left me £2,000, and with it I bought this house. My husband commuted his pension into a sum of nearly £1,000, and we lived quite comfortably on our capital for years. Now, of course, the money has gone. I realise we were silly now. It is difficult to make ends meet running a boarding-house like this."

Yugo-Slavia Buys Arms From Italy

Rome, Dec. 8. Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, Yugo-Slavian Prime Minister, Count Ciano, Foreign Minister, Signor Dino Alfieri, Italian Minister for Propaganda, left for Milan to inspect the Italian aeroplane and armament factories.

It is believed Yugo-Slavia is buying arms and aeroplanes from Italy, because of a favourable trade balance with Italy.—*Reuter's Special.*

BISHOP BULLEN LOSES LIFE IN PLANE CRASH

London, Dec. 9. The Rt. Rev. Herbert Guy Bullen, M.C., Assistant Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, lost his life when an R.A.F. bomber crashed. The pilot of the plane was also killed.

The accident occurred between Bor and Ruba.

It has been ascertained that Mrs. Bullen was not accompanying her husband when the fatal accident happened.—*Reuter.*

NEW AIR SERVICE

Changsha, Dec. 9. A new air service has been inaugurated between Hunan and Hupoh by the China National Aviation Corporation.—*Reuter.*

HONOURS FOR DECEASED PANCHEN LAMA

Chungking, Dec. 9. The Executive Yuan met yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung in the absence of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and measures were taken relative to the conferring of posthumous honours on the late Panchen Lama. The Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission will submit plans in this connection to the Executive Yuan.

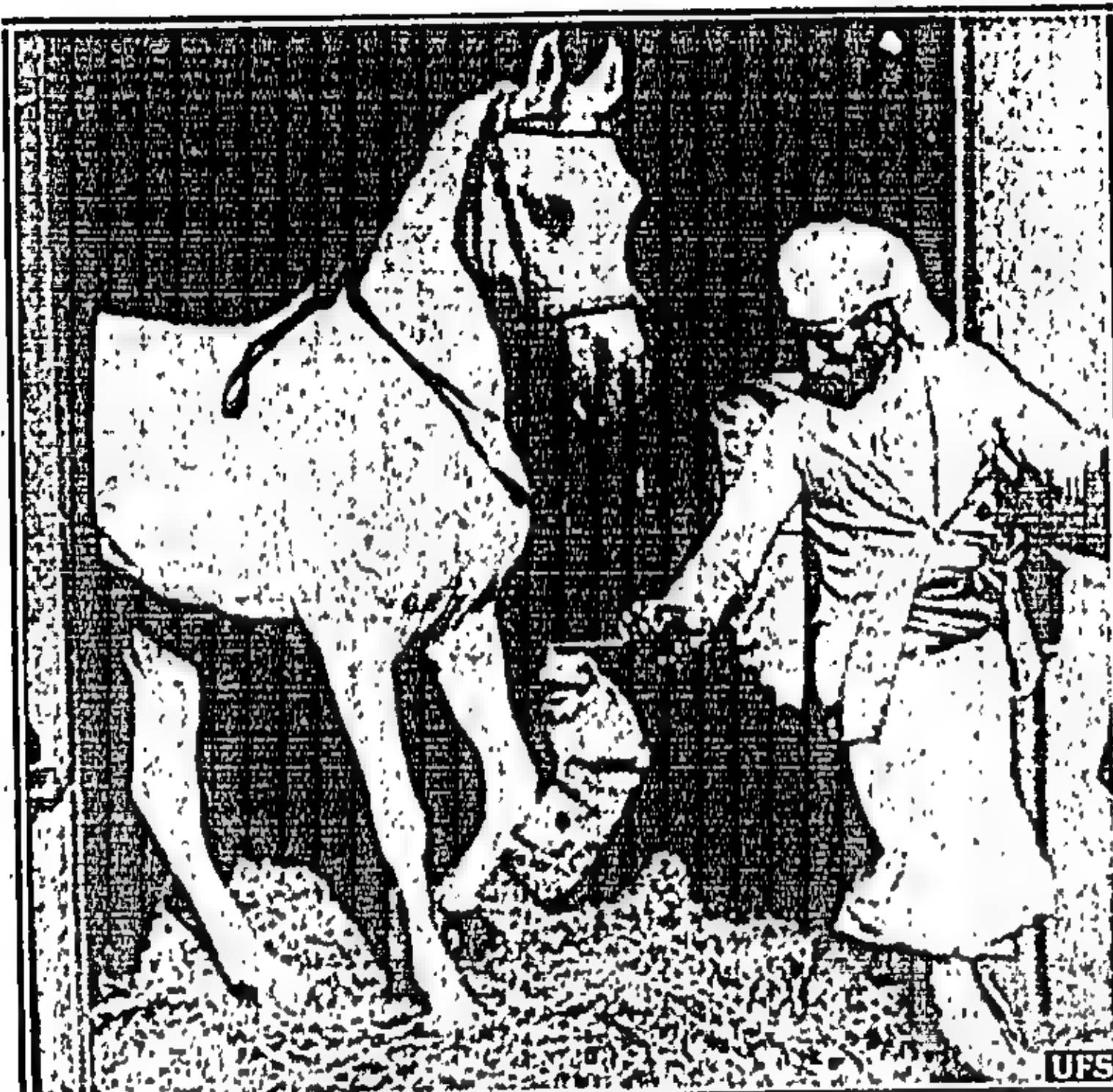
Meanwhile, a joint message of condolence on the Panchen Lama's death has been despatched by the Central Executive and Supervisory Committee to Chao Shou-yu, Special Commissioner who was to have escorted the Panchen Lama to Lhasa.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE REGRET WUHU BOMBING

London, Dec. 9. It is learned in London that the Japanese chief of staff in Shanghai called on Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief, to express regret in connection with the bombing of two British vessels during the bombardment of Wuhu.—*Reuter.*

DOCKERS RETURN TO WORK

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 8. The waterside dispute which began last week, affecting 1,000 men, ended when the dockers agreed to begin negotiations with employers through their Union to-day.—*Reuter.*



As a token of friendliness with Italy, the King of Yemen, whose territory lies across the Red Sea from Ethiopia, sent three white horses as a gift to Premier Mussolini. Here one of the valuable Arab steeds is led from a railroad van, in Rome. Horses were also sent to King Victor Emmanuel.

PATIENTS WON'T LET US KEEP THEM ALIVE —SAYS A DOCOR

A London County Council hospital doctor telephoned a London newspaper the other day. "There has been a lot of criticism of doctors recently," he said. "Why not give your readers the doctor's point of view?"

"Tell them how public funds are wasted, how deserving cases are kept out of hospital beds, how the blood of donors is wasted because the poor-law doctor may do nothing to interfere with the liberty of the patient."

A reporter went to see him. This is what the doctor said:

Twenty-five per cent. of the beds in poor-law hospitals would be vacant, or free for fresh cases, if poor-law doctors could occasionally be high-handed with their patients.

Plots of human blood would never be taken from Red Cross donors. And we could reduce cases of tuberculosis to sporadic outbreaks. Let me give examples from my own hospital, one of the largest and best-run in London. The same thing is happening all over the country.

Last week a woman was admitted with severe Bright's disease. I recognized her at once as a patient who had discharged herself from hospital six months previously against my advice.

FOUR YEARS TO LIVE

She had then been suffering from a condition which occurs in 4 per cent. of expectant mothers, and is easily cured by short hospital treatment.

I told that woman I could cure her if she would stay in hospital for two weeks. She refused to stay more than two days.

She is only 22, and has one child. She had a normal expectancy of life. Now she cannot live more than four years. And for a large part of that time she will occupy a hospital bed. I have a man patient with a gastric ulcer. He first came to hospital several months ago.

We gave him a blood transfusion and told him we could cure his condition in two months if he would stay for treatment.

He refused, and walked out of hospital.

Since then he has returned to us three times, each time seriously ill, and each time requiring a blood transfusion.

We cannot refuse him human blood, or he would die. But each time he is taking a pint of blood from a healthy man, when, with a little co-operation from him, no more transfusions would be necessary.

Such cases are occurring daily in every department of our hospital, and in every other poor law hospital. A patient comes to us with active tuberculosis. He agrees to become an in-patient.

After partial treatment he thinks he is well again and insists on leaving hospital.

A MENACE

We offer to send him to a convalescent home, free of cost to himself. Instead, he returns to his home to infect his family.

Tuberculosis will never be stamped out of the country until doctors are given authority to detain patients admitted to hospital. Fathers and mothers allowed to return to their families while they are still suffering from active forms of the disease are a menace to every child with whom they come in contact.

General hospitals can bring pressure to bear on difficult patients. But under the present poor-law legislation we cannot secure the necessary co-operation.

BAD RECORD DISCLOSED

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

A 35-year-old unemployed man, Ho Tak-kai, 35, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing a \$5 banknote from Wong Cheung, 30, a travelling trader, at Des Voeux Road West, near Wing Lok Street yesterday.

Detective-Sergeant J. Allen said Wong was walking along the road at about 2.30 p.m. when defendant came from behind, placed his hat over Wong's breast pocket and with his other hand, extracted the note and ran away. Wong noticed the movement, and immediately cried out and chased defendant, who was arrested in Wing Lok Street by district watchmen No. 65.

Defendant denied the theft, saying he was one of a number of pedestrians. He could give no reason why Wong should accuse him.

On accused being found guilty, Sergeant Allen produced accused's criminal record, which showed he had a previous conviction and was a time-expired banished.

He was remanded for 24 hours to find a surety.

H.M.S. DUCHESS RETURNING

H.M.S. Duchess is due here from Weihaiwei about December 12. She will leave for Swatow about Christmas time.

RADIO BROADCAST

Doreen Ma at the Piano From the Studio CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Radio Programme Broadcast from Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 333 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.49 metres (932 m.c.s.).

H.K.T. 12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal and Piano).

Would You? (film 'San Francisco'); I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's Love Again'); Empty Saddles (film 'I'll be On The Range').

12.40 Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Touch Of Your Lips; Gone (film 'Love On The Run'); When Is A Kiss Not A Kiss (film 'Champagne Waltz'); Cowboy; It's Got To Be Love (from 'On Your Toes'); What Will I Tell My Heart; On The Trail Where The Sun Hangs Low.

Time and Weather. 1.03 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Lord and Lady Whoops; When You Gotta Sing You Gotta Sing (film 'Gangway'); Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon; Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It; Orchestra—Sweet Sue (Young); Fox-Trot—Gangway; Moon Or No Moon (film 'Gangway'); Waltz Medley—Waltzes From Vienna (arr. Korngold, Bittner, Clutsam and Griffiths).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Chopin Compositions. Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3; Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Mazurka, Op. 33, No. 4; Mazurka, Op. 24, No. 4; Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

1.56 The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards. 'March'—Selection (Flotow); Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing Of The Guard (Flotow and Jettam); Sousa Medley (Sousa).

2.15 Cio Down Medley (Sousa). 8.05-1. Chinese Programme.

5 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

During the intervals dance records will be played from Z.B.W.

6 Studio—Children's Concert. 6.45 Paul Robeson (Bass).

Go Down, Moses (Burleigh); Plantation Songs.

6.50 Musical Comedy. 'The Love Race'—Selection

(Clarke); 'Charlotte's Masquerade'—Selection. 'New Mayfair Orchestra'; 'Carless Rapture' (Novello—Hassall); Love Made The Song... Sybil Crawley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duet); Music In May... Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

7.10 Variety. Humorous—Building A Chicken House (Evans)... Will Evans; Orchestra—Tell Me Again (Grosz)...

Alfredo and His Orchestra; Vocal: Granny's Old Arm-Chair; Little Brown Jug... Frank Grumit (Tenor); Orchestra—Basin Street Blues (Williams); E Flat Blues (Morris-Williams)... Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.30 London Relay—Sportsmen Talking. Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.

7.45 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.

1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in my Life; It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Tea for Two.

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

1. Case Down. 8.05-11 p.m. European Programme Broadcast from Z.E.K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Variety. Orchestra—'London Rhapsody'—The Vocal Selection; Vocalists... The London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Deep Desert; My Way (film 'Jericho')... Paul Robeson (Bass); Rose Or England ('Crest of the Wave')... Edgar Elmes (Baritone); Haven Of Your Heart ('Crest of the Wave')... Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Cellar Czarads (Adolphe Fischel; Papillon (David Popper)... Rudolf Dietzmann.

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano). Be praised, thou peaceful night ('The Vagabond'—Zehrer); Ever softer grows my slumber (Lings-Brahms—Op. 105, No. 2); Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms).

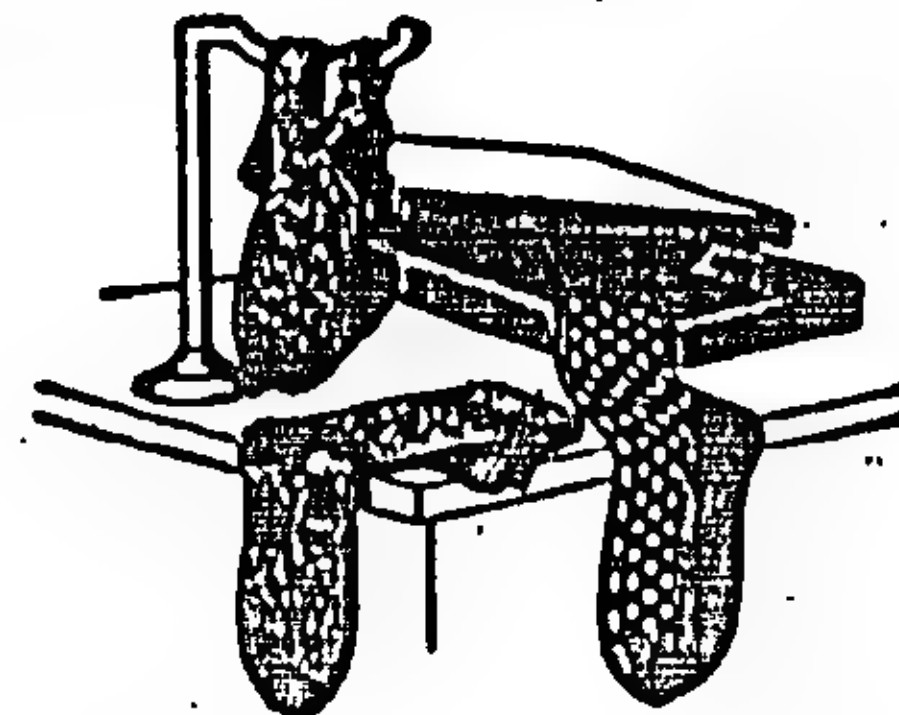
9.10 London Relay—Food For Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest. 9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Benjamin Glil (Tener).

Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms—Joachim); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate)... Yehudi Menuhin accom. by Marcel Gazelle (Piano); If My Mother Only Knew (Nuttall); Night In Venice (Camille-Curci); You Are My Life (from the film, Becco)...

Gigli; Hungarian Dance No. 6 In B Flat Major (Brahms—Joachim); Romanza Andaluza, Op. 22 (Continued on Page 4.)



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MISS PERRY BECOMES COLONY TENNIS CHAMPION

Fierce Drives Overwhelm Miss Madge Griffiths

THREE SETS PLAYED

SHARP CONTRAST IN STYLE

(By "Abe")

The ladies' tennis open singles final played at the United Services R.C. yesterday between Miss Rose Perry and Miss Madge Griffiths was chiefly notable for one thing; it was watched by seven people altogether, including a Pressman (myself), a cameraman (the one who took these pictures) and the umpire (Dr. J. Smalley)—probably the smallest crowd that has ever watched a Colony tennis final.

This would be surprising if one did not know the reason. Actually, I do not think the match had been publicly announced; as a matter of fact, I did not know that it was on until fifteen minutes yesterday when I was informed about the fixture by a friend, who had himself just heard about it. It was no won-

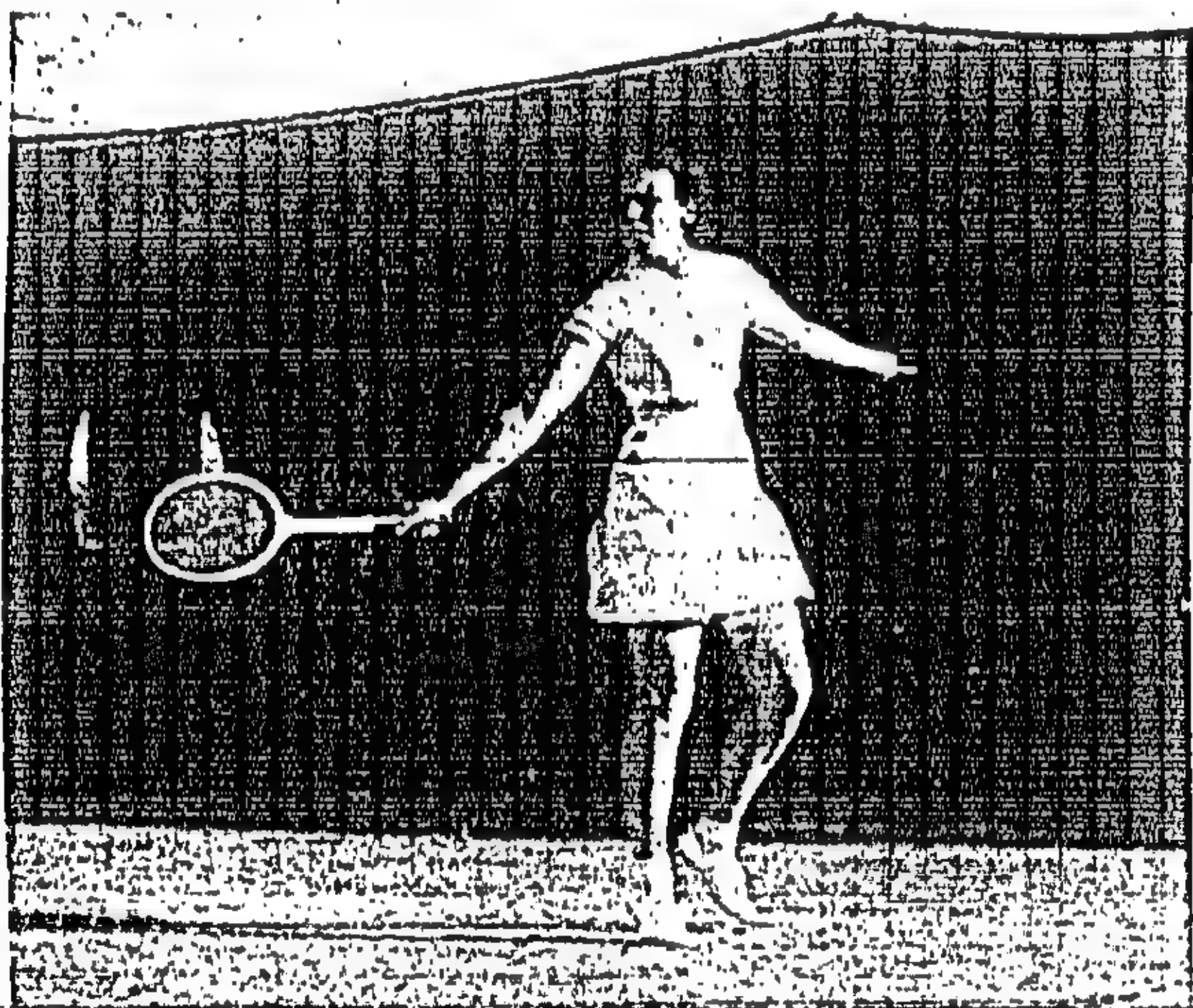


The new Colony champion in action yesterday.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

der, therefore, that so few were present at the match. Those who were there, however, did not regret being present, for the tennis provided by the two finalists was always interesting and presented a sharp contrast in styles. Miss Perry depended on her hard hitting to win her points, whereas Miss Griffiths was more patient and was content to wait for her opponent to make the mistakes. The former was definitely the better of the two to watch because she was not afraid to take a chance, and she hit every ball as if she meant to finish off the rally there and then.

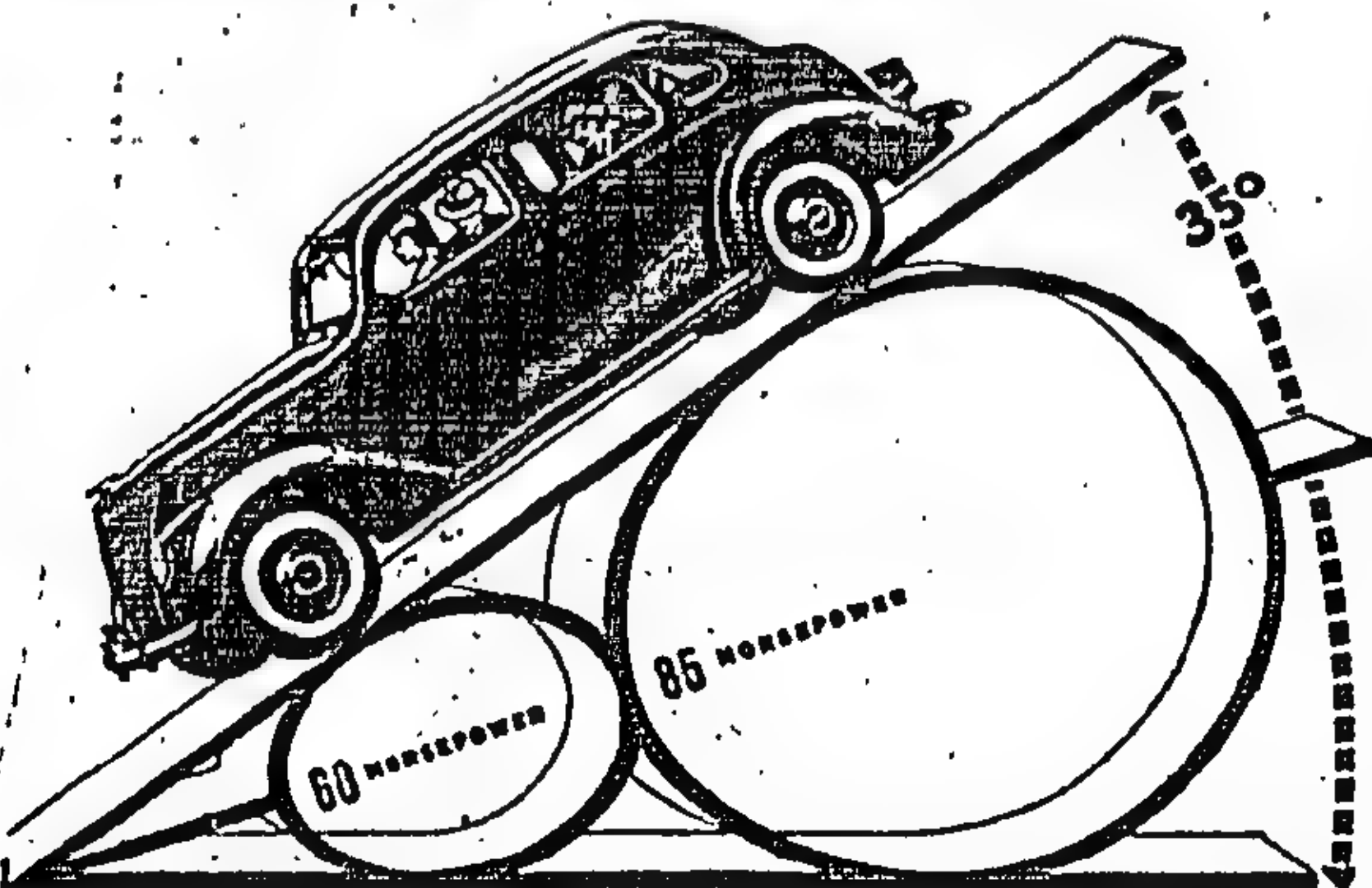
As only to be expected from one who relies on forcefulness, Miss Perry was not always successful with her drives on both hands; but she never gave up trying and was finally rewarded when Miss Griffiths' fine recovering powers broke down in the third set, which was won to love.

The final scores were 6-0, 6-3, 6-0 in favour of Miss Perry, who (Continued on Page 9.)



Miss Madge Griffiths. She did well to win the first set.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

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CAMBRIDGE AVENGES RUGGER DEFEAT

Beats Oxford At Soccer

London, Dec. 8. Cambridge University today avenged its rugby defeat by beating Oxford University in the annual soccer match at Highbury by three goals to two.

Only 1,000 spectators, consisting mostly of schoolboys, were present to see the match. Lee, of St. Catherine's, scored for the Dark Blues in the third minute. Cambridge players were quicker on the ball, while their defence was magnificent. The game was one of the best inter-varsity matches seen in years, being hard, fast and gruelling.—Reuter's Special.

SCOTS BEAT CZECHS Five Goals To Nil

Glasgow, Dec. 8. The Czechoslovakian footballers who held England to five goals for four last week were no match for Scotland at Ebrox Park to-day, and were overwhelmed by five goals to nil before an attendance of 40,000. Scotland scored within 20 seconds of the start. Buchanan received the ball from Robertson and centred; the Czech goal-keeper, in trying to clear, collided with the onrushing McCulloch and the ball trickled to Black who drove it into the unguarded net. The Czechs pressed heavily, but in the 27th minute, against the run of play, McCulloch scored for Scotland. In the 38th minute, the Scots increased their lead through Buchanan, who put the ball in the corner of the net.

At half time, the home team led by 3-0. Scotland dominated play in the second period; there was no sign of the revival which the Czechs staged against England. McCulloch headed a fourth goal for Scotland, and Kinnershot the fifth.

The Czechs were seen in many beautiful passing movements, but they lacked finishing power. The result rather flattered Scotland, but they must be given credit for their speedy understanding and a new style of play.—Reuter.

KENT WINS RUGGER ENCOUNTER

London, Dec. 8. At Boxhill to-day, Kent defeated Sussex by eight points to nil in the County Rugby Championship. The game between Hampshire and Surrey at Southampton was postponed.—Reuter.

HOCKEY NOTES

ROYAL NAVY OUTPLAYED BY CLUB IN THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

CIVILIAN TRIAL HELD

Fifteen Players Selected

An interesting and very satisfactory trial was held on the Club ground last Sunday morning. The Probables (Whites) and Possibles (Colours) were seen in a drawn game, each side scoring twice. Pyara Singh scored both goals for his side while Kraus and Pinto equalised for theirs.

Both sets of forwards were fast, but the defences on each side came off best in the tussles. Several changes were made after the interval. A. E. P. Guest, who partnered E. L. Gosano, was seen with Mohar Singh for the colours and Pinto led the attack. Brown filled the centre half berth and Wall played at inside left with Bond on the wing.

Commenting on the players, I would say Ramzan seemed safer in goal than Benwell. Of the backs, E. L. Gosano, for the Whites, showed up well, with A. M. Rodrigues (Colours) second best. Guest, after a shaky start for the Whites, improved for the Colours in the second half. His opposite number, Rodrigues, contrary to expectations, deteriorated in the second half. Kurnali Singh, who was seen at left back for the Colours in the first half also did well.

It was a triumphant day for the half backs, but W. A. Reed stood out conspicuously, being head and shoulders above the rest. I can see no one good enough to deprive him of the centre half position in the forthcoming Interpol.

Young Marques and Alves also gave rousing displays but the more experienced Brown did yeoman service at right half and later at centre half for the Colours. M. R. Malik sprang into prominence when he took his usual place at left half and will certainly be worth his place in the Civilian team. It was a problem trying to solve the attack. S. Fowler was the best of the right wingers. Babachan Singh, inside right, and Pyara Singh, centre forward, combined well. Pinto at inside left performed creditably and should be the obvious choice in partnership with Bond on the left wing. The latter always showed a clean pair of heels down the wing to the defences. Kraus, though he was quite steady, did not live up to his reputation, being too slow to take advantage of the splendid openings made by Pyara Singh. Wall and A. P. Sousa were useful but I cannot imagine them replacing Pinto and Bond.

CHOICE OF TEAM

My choice for the Civilian team would be:

Goal—M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.). Backs—A. E. P. Guest (Radio), and E. L. Gosano (Recreio). Halves—Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.).

Forwards—S. Fowler (Club), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

Fifteen players were selected following the trial last Sunday and they are requested to put in an appearance on the Club ground next Sunday afternoon at 3.15 p.m. They are:

Ramzan (K.I.T.C.), A. E. P. Guest (Radio), E. L. Gosano (Recreio), J. Gonçalves (Recreio), Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club), M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.), R. Marques (Recreio), S. A. Fowler (Club), U. Kraus (Y.M.C.A.), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Wall (Police), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

The above players are asked to turn out in white shirts and shorts with dark blue and white ringed stockings. The Services will play in red shirts and blue shorts.

LADIES' WEEK-END FIXTURES

The following ladies' fixtures have been arranged for the week-end:

CAER CLARK CUP
St. Andrew's v. C.B.A. (C.B.A. ground, 3.30 p.m.)
BROWN CUP
St. Andrew's v. Recreio (C.B.A. ground, 2.30 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v. C.B.S. "A" (C.B.S. ground, 2.30 p.m.)
C.B.A. v. C.B.S. "B" (C.B.S. ground, 3.30 p.m.)

'Y' LADIE'S SECOND VICTORY

Hongkong Ladies Defeated

The Y.M.C.A. Ladies, present champions of the Caer Clark Cup competition, gained their second victory at the expense of the Hongkong Ladies when at Happy Valley last Saturday they defeated the home team by three clear goals.

The first half proved to be a ding-dong struggle, with the Hongkong Ladies enjoying a slight advantage in the exchanges. The "Y" defence was mis-hitting the ball due to the



Miss M. McCaw. Splendid centre-half for "Y" Ladies.

bumpy state of the ground. Against the run of play, the champions scored their opening goal through Miss M. Smith, who showed great opportunism in heading Mrs. Lunson. The latter should have saved the shot, however.

It was all Y.M.C.A. in the second half, their attack making an impressive showing. Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Gardner in particular were in peak form. Neither Miss Green nor Miss Hebling was ever really happy against those lightning raids made by the sisters. The second goal, though scored by Miss Smith, came from splendid work by Mrs. Burnett on the right flank.

The Westcott-Smith left wing combination was also effective, but they had more opposition from Miss Grey. Mrs. Reed led the attack well and was responsible for the last goal. Miss M. McCaw, at centre-half, was the best of the intermediates; she completely blotted Mrs. Scrimgeour out of the picture. Miss Tonge, on her right, was a tireless worker. Mrs. Henry, on the left, was prominent in the second half, but she was too much inclined to put the ball to the centre instead of feeding her wing. Mrs. Burke and Miss A. Fowler, once they got settled, were hard to pass. Full credit, however, goes to Mrs. Gardner, who proved to be the "brains" of the "Y" attack. She did not find the net herself, but the splendid openings she made were numerous.

RAGGED DISPLAY

The Hongkong Ladies gave a very ragged display. Mrs. Lunson in goal played up to standard and was responsible for keeping the score to three. Miss Grey played her usual solid game at full back and Miss Pope was always a hard-working pivot. Apart from these three, the others just could not settle down.

Mrs. Moore was probably the best of the forwards. Mrs. Scrimgeour, as leader in place of Mrs. Perrin, did not seem to fit in with the general scheme of the H.K. Ladies' attack. Miss Marsh, at inside right, was not her usual dashing self; the absence of Miss M. Smalley on the right wing sadly affected her play. Miss Purves, newly introduced on the left wing, demonstrated a good turn of speed but never used the reverse stick, hence she was constantly robbed of the ball.

Had Mrs. Perrin and Miss Smalley been available, the Hongkong Ladies, I am positive, would have given a better account of themselves. At the start it looked as if the Hongkong Ladies were going to give the Champions a good run but the latter's fast and nippy attack soon had the measure of their opponents.

STICKS FOR BEST PLAYERS

To Be Nominated By "The Pilgrim"

As several leagues are in progress at the present moment and the game of hockey is so popular among men and women in the Colony, it struck me as a good thing to start a new venture which might interest hockey players generally. M. R. Malik and Co. is supporting the idea and has donated eight of the best and latest hockey sticks from India to be used for the purposes of the scheme which I am now going to explain.

At the end of this month The Hongkong Telegraph will publish the pictures of those players whom I judge to be the best in their respective leagues. These players selected will each be awarded a stick; eight will be chosen altogether.

The various leagues are as follows:

LADIES

Caer Clark Cup
Brawn Cup

MIEN

Mamak Tournament, "A" and "B" Divisions

United Tournament, First and Second Divisions

BOYS' SCHOOLS

Central British, Queen's College, St. Joseph's and Ellis Kadoorie Indian School.

NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS

Hongkong Hockey Club, St. Andrew's, European Y.M.C.A. and Club de Recreio.

To qualify, the player selected must be an all-rounder, and I will also take into consideration not only his or her playing ability but also his or her conduct on the field of play. For the Boys' School section, the most improved player will be nominated.

When a player is nominated by "The Pilgrim" as the best player in that particular league, he or she will be informed to that effect by letter, and on the production of this letter, and the pictures of the lucky eight will also be published in these columns.

These sticks donated by Malik and Co. are of the latest models and are some of the best that can be obtained in Hongkong. I have played with one of these new Indian sticks and I know.

The donor is M. R. Malik, the well-known K.I.T.C. left half.

BY "THE PILGRIM"

FORWARDS FAIL TO COMBINE

On their own ground at King's Park yesterday, the Hongkong Hockey Club scored five times without reply in their second clash with the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament. Superior in all aspects of the game, they triumphed so easily because their forwards revealed fine form.

Several brilliant moves, beginning mostly from the centre where W. A. Reed was outstanding, were made by the Club, who thoroughly deserved their win.

The game commenced with the Navy a man short, Miller being a quarter of an hour late. The Club took the offensive immediately and within a minute Whitley was through. He, however, shot straight at Chick, who made a good clearance. It was not until 20 minutes of fast play had been seen that the Club took the lead.

The various leagues are as follows:



S. A. Fowler. Prominent on the Club right wing.

Off a short corner hit, G. E. R. Divett found the net.

This goal seemed to inspire the Club and within another two minutes, Fowler scored the second goal. Billings, in trying to clear the ball, passed it to the Club winger, who made no mistake. The lead of 2-0 was retained until the interval.

Though they were outplayed in the second half, the Navy players never slackened. Their failure to score may be attributed to the interval, but although they tried hard and gave the opposing defence a lot of trouble, failed to develop understanding and smoothness in attack.

CLUB FORWARDS DANGEROUS

On the other hand, the Club forwards were always dangerous and worked together like a clock. Whit-

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ST. JOHN'S RETAINS RECORD

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By the odd game, St. John's defeated the Club de Recreio in the "B" Division of the Badminton League, thus retaining their unbeaten record.

This was an important match inasmuch as St. John's and Recreio are probably the two strongest sides in this division. This success has improved St. John's prospects considerably; they had been beaten by Kowloon Tong, who last night trounced Free Lances by nine games to nil.

KOWLOON TONG v. FREE LANCES
Kowloon Tong beat the Free Lances 9-0 in the "B" division Badminton League last night.

R. E. Lee and F. F. Ko (Kowloon Tong) beat J. L. Anderson and A. Harris 21-10; beat A. L. Fisher and F. W. Clark 21-14; beat R. Goldman and L. D. Skinner 21-1. A. W. da Rosa and Peter Loo beat Anderson and Harris 21-10; beat Fisher and Clark 21-12; beat Goldman and Skinner 21-4.

N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan beat Anderson and Harris 21-13; beat Fisher and Clark 21-4; beat Goldman and Skinner 21-1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. John's	3	3	0	0	19	8	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	0	30	15	6
Recreio "C"	2	1	1	0	10	8	2
Free Lances	2	1	1	0	5	13	2
C.R.C.	2	0	2	0	8	10	0
St. Andrew's	2	0	0	0	0	18	0
University "C"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LADIES' TENNIS SINGLES FINAL

(By "Abe")

(Continued from Page 8.)

thereby became lady champion of the Colony for the first time.

VICTORY DESERVED

Miss Perry deserved her victory. She was decidedly the better stroker-maker of the two, and at certain stages of the encounter she was able to win points at will, so great was her superiority. Her drives down the side-lines on both flanks were an eye-opener to those who did not think she was capable of maintaining good form over such a long period.

No-one, least of all Miss Griffiths herself, I am sure, will deny that Miss Perry won entirely on her merits. Miss Griffiths was outplayed, and it was a tribute to her own power of recovery that she was able to take the issue to the third set. Almost throughout the match she was on the defensive, relying great extent on the errors of her opponent to win points. The outright winners that she scored could be counted on the fingers of one hand, but it can be stated with equal truth that she was the less prone of the two to make mistakes. A runaway victory for Miss Perry looked likely in the first set when she went into a lead of 3-0. She was within a point of annexing the fourth, but failed to clinch it and after she had lost the game she seemed disheartened and lost the next three as well to give Miss Griffiths the lead for the first time. She levelled up at 4-4, and led 40-love in the ninth game. A fierce return of service at this stage hit the netcord; the ball seemed uncertain as which side to drop, and after a fraction of a second, which must have seemed minutes to Miss Perry, it dropped back! A respite for Miss Griffiths, who took full advantage of it and went on to win the game. Miss Griffiths then won her own service to go out at 6-4.

Miss Perry came back with such good purpose in the second set that she was seldom in danger of losing it. She led 3-1, 4-2 and 5-2, and clinched it at 6-3. The third stanza was a walk-over, Miss Griffiths failing to put up any opposition while Miss Perry was consistently finding the side-lines with scorching drives which literally left her opponent standing.

Miss Perry will also appear in the final of the doubles on Saturday. She and her partner, Mrs. Chiu, will defend their title against Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Mills.

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CLUB BEATS NAVY

"TRIANGULAR" HOCKEY

(By "The Pilgrim")

(Continued from Page 8.)

ley, Divett and Bickford combined well together and received splendid support from Fowler and Bond on the wings.

The Club obtained a third goal through Whitley, who received the ball from Divett after the latter had outplayed Miller and Billings. Continuing the attack, the Club went further ahead when Whitley and Fowler scored, bringing the total to five.

Thereafter, except for brief periods, the Navy were kept in their own territory.

Wallace, at right back for the Club, proved a stonewall, with E. V. Reed, his partner, showing improved form. Donald, Walsham and Thornhill put in a tremendous amount of work in the Navy attack, but poor understanding spoiled their efforts. Miller, at centre-half, played a brainy game and Billings was the better of a slow pair of backs.

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

I AM pleased to hear that the Inter-port game with Macao has been put back to March 10, 1938. The Navy will be back from manoeuvres by that time and the Colony will be at full strength.

THE Recreio ladies are out to make a bold bid for the Brann Cup this season. I have seen them at work during the evenings, under the capable assistance of J. Goncalves and Tony Alves. If they go on at this rate, I can see them giving the C.B.S. "A" the present champions, a run for the honours.

CONGRATULATIONS to F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, the two well-known Macao wingers, for securing their "C" licences in ground engineering at the Far East Aviation School. I believe they will sit for their "A" tickets sometime this month. I wish them further successes.

ONE of the most unfortunate hockey players in the Colony today is M. H. Hassan, the Radio pivot. The word trial has no pleasure for him; for the last three years he has been out of them through illness. Last Sunday, he missed his place in the Civilian team as he was confined to bed with a sore throat and a touch of flu. Better luck in the Interport trial, Hunib! We do know your capabilities, so why worry?

KARNAIL Singh, the K.I.T.C. left back, leaves for India on December 15 on eight months' leave. He will be badly missed by his team mates as he has done great services during the last three years. Mr. Jahan Dad, K.I.T.C. Secretary, will accompany him on leave to India. They are both looking forward to an enjoyable holiday in their home country—with no hockey!

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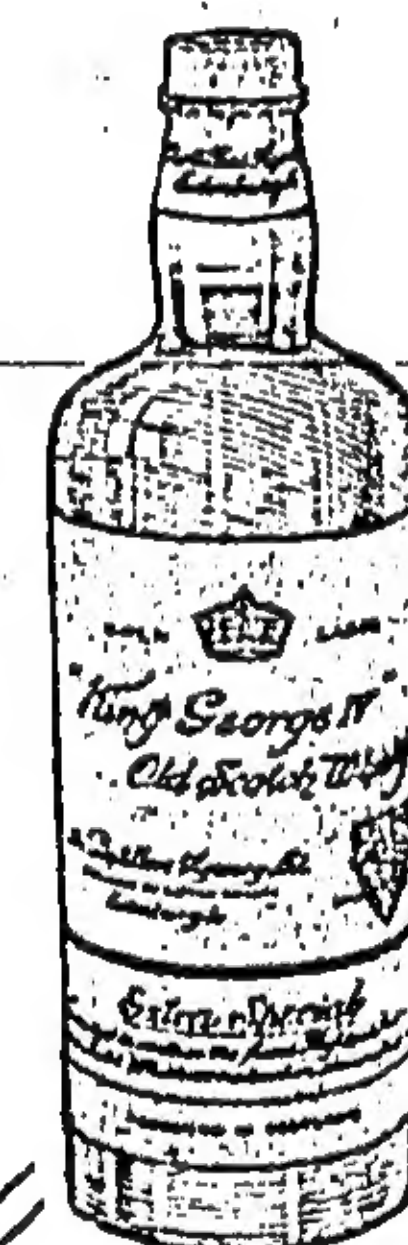
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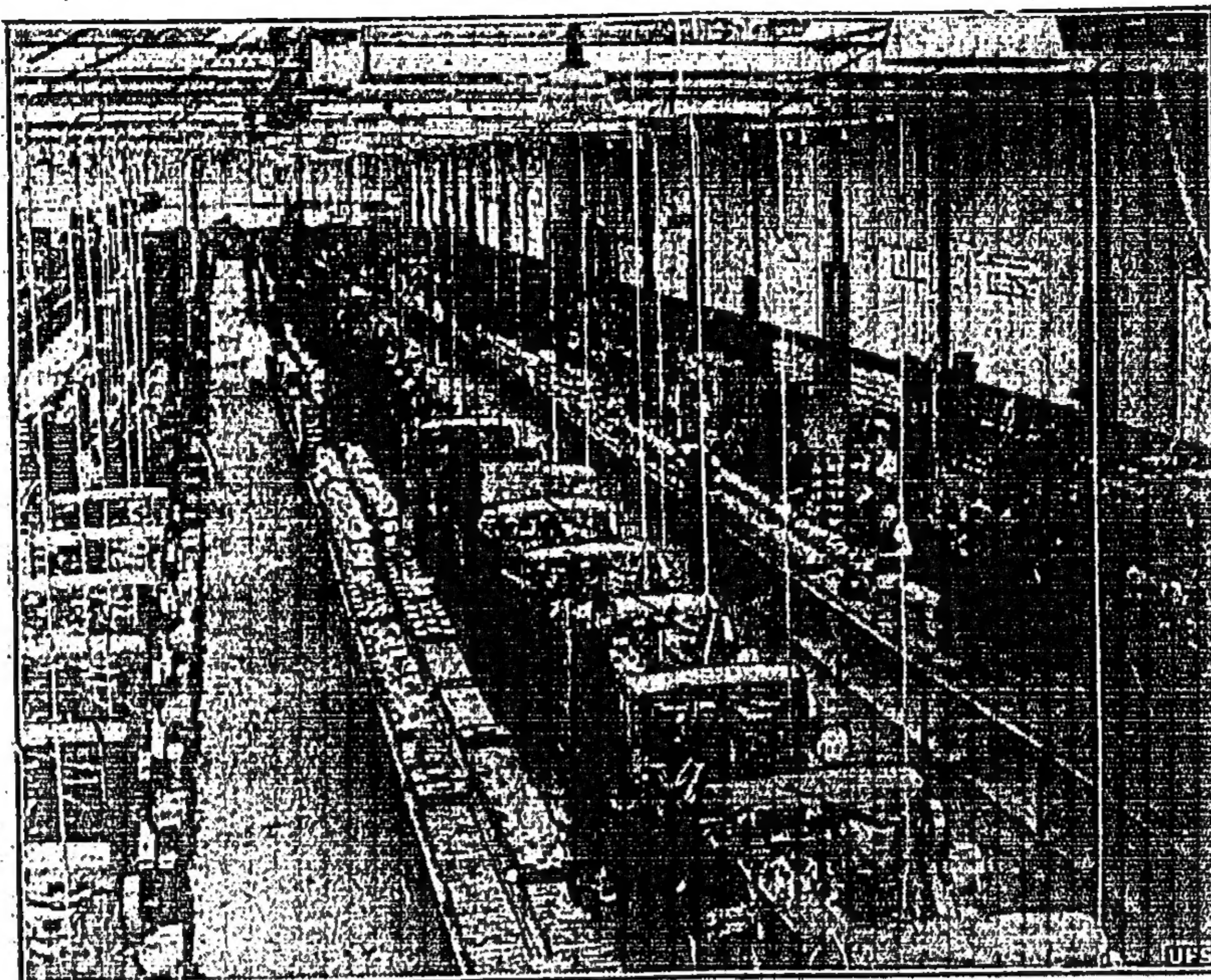
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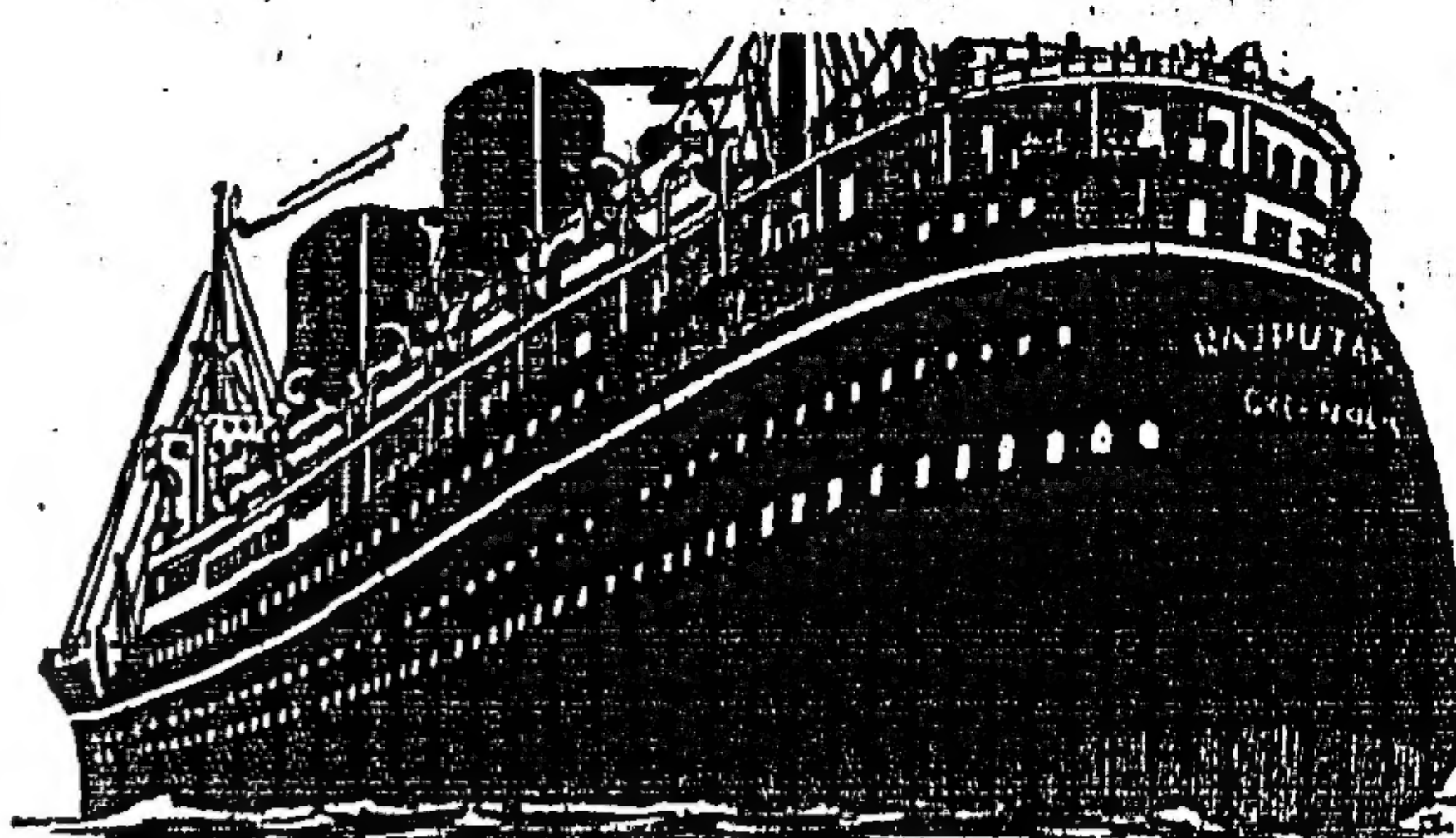
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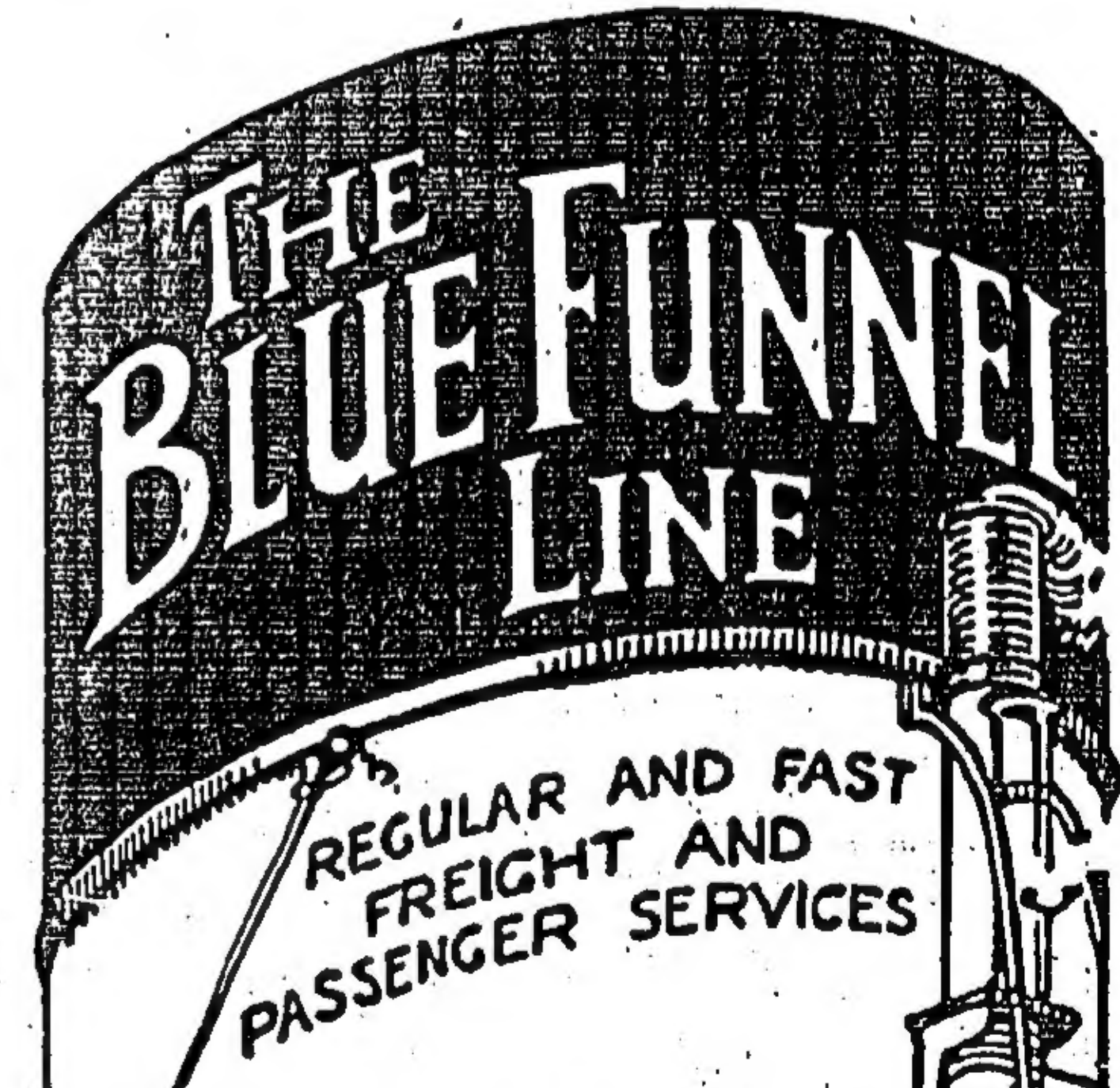
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First Such Move By China Would Shatter Market

London, Dec. 8. A report published in one of this morning's papers that Chinese silver is being refined in London on behalf of the United States Treasury is categorically denied by the refiners, who informed Reuter that the refining is being done on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Bullion dealers have no fear that the silver refined in London will be thrown on to the London market as the Chinese Government is bound by the silver agreement with the United States to offer all available silver first to the United States, who is continuing to buy.

There is no possibility of Chinese silver being unloaded in London even in the event of the United States stopping purchases as the first ounce of Chinese silver appearing on the market would cause a rout.

Concerning the reason prompting the Chinese Government to prefer to have the silver refined in London, it is conjectured that this course has been adopted in the Chinese Government by British banks, and also that it is easier and cheaper to store bars than coin and broken silver.—Reuter.

Government Inaction Criticised

Suspended Judgment Asked By Minister

London, Dec. 8. In a House of Commons debate, with 202 votes to 124, a resolution condemning the Government for inaction on the problem of location of industry from points of view both of defence and plight of special areas, was lost. Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, at the end of the debate, outlined inducements which had been designed by the Government for the express purpose of assisting location of industry in particular areas.

Meantime work of the Royal Commission on the subject was proceeding as expeditiously as possible and the Minister appealed for suspension of judgment until its report appeared.—British Wireless.

Denies Poison Gas Sent To China's Order

London, Dec. 8. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. V. McEntee (Lab.) asked whether the Board of Trade was aware that in a Japanese news service distributed to members of the House, it was alleged that twelve tons of phosgene gas were shipped from England to China.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, replied that no phosgene gas had been exported from the United Kingdom since the beginning of the year with the exception of three tons consigned to dye works in Holland.

Another Member said this particular news service was addressed from Paris.—Reuter.

BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY BODY MOVES

Hankow, Dec. 9. For the sake of convenience, the Board of Trustees for the administration of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has temporarily removed its office to Hankow from Nanking.

This step was taken in order to facilitate contact with numerous Central Government organs now functioning here.—Reuter.

WRONG ADDRESS REPORTED

Mr. D. Xavier wishes to point out that the address No. 4 Mosque Junction, which is his home, is in no way concerned with a case reported yesterday in which a Chinese was convicted of keeping an ill-gal. Mr. Xavier's address was inadvertently published in the report of proceedings against the still operator, and the regret of the Telegraph has been conveyed to the householder.

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The following is the disposition of H.M. ships in North China: Shanghai, H.M.S. Falmouth (Flag), Folkestone, and Dainty; Tientsin, H.M.S. Suffolk, Weymouth, H.M.S. Lowestoft and Dorsetshire; Chefoo, H.M.S. Delight; Nanking, H.M.S. Capetown; Amoy, H.M.S. Diamond; and Swatow, H.M.S. Diana.

Asks Funds For Noble Enterprise

Dr. R. C. Robertson Of Shanghai Praises Hospital Work

London, Dec. 8. Dr. R. C. Robertson, a Shanghai doctor who arrived in London to-day, intends to fly back to China after Christmas to take charge of the British anti-epidemic unit.

Referring to his obituary notice published after a false report of his death, Dr. Robertson said, with a chuckle: "It is not so nice as I thought it would be. Perhaps next time it would be better to prepare it one's self in advance."

Dr. Robertson is trying to enlist help for the Lord Mayor's Fund for China. He emphasised that what they were able to do now only touched the fringe of a terrible problem. He said the missions hospitals were performing noble work, and their history should be written in letters of gold.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

RING OF STEEL ENCIRCLES NANKING

Nanking, Dec. 9. A Japanese army spokesman announced this morning that the encirclement of Nanking had been completed and the Japanese ring was gradually closing in.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARN FOREIGNERS

Nanking, Dec. 9. An official statement issued by the Japanese authorities to-day urges foreign ships and vehicles, whether Government owned or otherwise, to keep moving as far as possible from the Chinese troops either stationary or otherwise, and from Chinese military establishments, or if possible to take them entirely from the zone of fighting.

The statement emphasises that the Imperial Japanese forces are doing their utmost to respect foreign ships or vehicles found in and around the zone of fighting, but in case no co-operation is forthcoming in the manner suggested, "the Japanese forces are in no position to ensure security and cannot be held responsible for any consequences which may involve them."—Reuter.

CHINKIANG BOOM STILL INTACT

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Ships are still bottled up above Chinkiang, where the more recently constructed boom blocks the river.

The breaching of this boom and sweeping of the minefield above it will enable Japanese warships to join in the attack on Nanking and to cut off the retreat of the defenders across the Yangtze.—Reuter.

SPY FEVER RAGES IN YAMCHOW

But Otherwise Area Lives In Peace. And Plenty

Yamchow, Kwangtung, Dec. 1. On information from Canton, two men, itinerant medicine sellers, were arrested in Fong Shing, near here, under suspicion of being spies for the Japanese. They were brought here yesterday and lodged in the local Yamen and will be sent to Canton for trial at once.

There is quite a scare about spies in these parts just now and no chances are being taken. Recently a colporteur of one of the missions fell under suspicion and was searched. A small bottle of medicine was found on him. He was sent at once to the Yamen in Yamchow for trial as a Japanese spy. A bit of the drug in the bottle was given to the chicken, which immediately died, so the case was thought to be positive against the man.

He was let go only after the mission concerned assured the local officials that the man was innocent and in no way implicated in spying activities.

A big mass meeting was held here late in November for the purpose of tightening the anti-Japanese boycott. Effective methods were evolved to prevent anything produced in Japan reaching this city. The students of the higher schools are largely behind the movement.

There is plenty of rice in these parts, as a bountiful crop was harvested. None is allowed to be exported, therefore rice is cheap. Prices of all foodstuffs are very low in this city and district, and there is plenty of everything.

There is no alarm nor fear here. Since a lone Japanese plane flew over here a month ago, and somewhat excited the people, no further visits have been made. The country is quiet and peaceful.

All young able-bodied men are required to be registered for war service and troops are being sent up toward Canton, on the way to the front, it is said.—Special Correspondent.

Barcelona Death Roll Uncertain

Figures Appear Exaggerated

Barcelona, Dec. 8. The report that 200 were killed in the air raid yesterday is unconfirmed. It is officially stated that from 50 to 100 were killed and injured.

A second air raid was carried out this afternoon by three insurgent planes, flying high. They were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and chased by Government planes.—Reuter.

STEAMER SINKS IN RED SEA

London, Dec. 8. A British steamer sank at the entrance to the Red Sea en route to the United States with a cargo of ore from Calcutta.

The crew was taken off by an Italian steamer.—Reuter.

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